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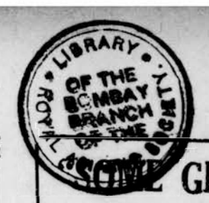

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ON PENULTIMATE DAY

Mahatmaji Is In Good Spirits

No Visitors In Aga Khan Palace From Wednesday

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Government of Bombay has issued the following communique on Mahatma Gandhi's health:—

The following is the report on Mr. Gandhi's condition upto this afternoon:—

"To-day is Mr. Gandhi's day of silence. His strength is maintained and he is in good spirits. He is easily tired by visitors."

—Signed by Dr. B. C. Roy, Major General R. H. Candy, Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, Dr. Sushila Nayar, Lt.-Col. M. G. Bhandari and Lt.-Col. B. Z. Shah.

Optimism Maintained

THE OPTIMISM WHICH PREVAILED ABOUT THE SUCCESSFUL TERMINATION OF THE THREE-WEEK FAST BY MAHATMA GANDHI IS MAINTAINED TO-DAY, THE 20TH DAY OF THE FAST.

To-day being Gandhiji's silence day, the number of visitors was small. Those who called on him included Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Mr. G. D. Birla, Mr. Devdas Gandhi, Mr. Ramdas Gandhi and the members of the Bajaj family including Mr. Kamalnayan Bajaj.

It is learnt that Mr. M. S. Aney will have a second interview with Gandhiji to-morrow afternoon and he has secured permission for the same.

BHANSALI NOT GOING TO POONA

It is understood Prof. Bhansali who wanted to come here to see Gandhiji has been advised by doctors not to undertake the journey in view of the weak state of his health. He is, therefore, not likely to come.

It is not yet ascertained whether the facilities given to Gandhiji to receive visitors during the fast will be continued after its termination. It appears only the inmates of the Aga Khan's Palace and the attending doctors will be present at the time of breaking the fast on Wednesday morning.

Prayers

The following Associations have offered prayers for the successful termination of Mahatma Gandhi's fast:

Bombay Kannada Sangha; the Konkani Catholics' Welfare Association, Bombay; Chamber of Income-Tax Consultants, Bombay; the Bengal and Assam Railway Employees' Association, Calcutta.

The following Associations have sent telegrams demanding the immediate release of Mahatmaji.

Bombay Kannada Sangh; Sind Bankers' Association Shikarpur.

Mr. V. P. Shah and Dr. C. N. Shroff, General Secretaries, All-India Jain Swetambar Conference have appealed to Jains all over India to pray for Gandhiji's long life on Tuesday March 2.

Thanksgiving

There will be a thanksgiving prayer gathering for Gandhiji on the occasion of the breaking of his fast at the residence of Smt. Sophia Wadia, 'Aryasangha', 22 Narayan Dabholkar Road, Malabar Hill, on Wednesday, March 3, at 9 a.m. punctually. All friends are welcome.

Pray For Gandhiji's Health

Mr. B. F. Bharucha writes:—

To-day, the eyes of the whole world are centred on the great Gandhiji. The Aga Khan's Palace at Poona is sanctified by the cremation of Sri Mahadev Desai, and by the detention of India's great Yogi Mahatma Gandhi.

From times immemorial, we have read of the great wars and battles, fought between mighty nations, changing the very destinies of Kingdoms and Empires. We have a graphic idea of this colossal clash of arms in Illiad and Odysey in Ramayana and Mahabharata, and in the Shah Nameh of Firdusi Toosi.

To-day, the world is struck with the unique spectacle of 'A Spiritual War' waged by Gandhiji—all by himself—to justify the supremacy of the soul force, of spirit over matter. In so doing, Gandhiji is writing a New Mahabharata.

For Gandhiji's health and strength. And let all religious, moral and spiritual souls send him continuously their purest, brightest, and serenest thoughts even after the fast—sustaining dear old Gandhiji for our Hindustan and Humanity? Amen!

Goans Pray For Gandhiji's Safety

Under the auspices of the Goa Youth Freedom League, prayers were offered at Mazagoan on Sunday evening so that Mahatma Gandhi may be spared to India

A large number of Catholics were present. Mr. Kitchener D'Costa, president of the Goa Youth Freedom League urged the Christians to prove their solidarity by uniting in the name of Mahatma Gandhi.

BAN ON VISITORS FROM TOMORROW

But Devdas And Ramdas May Stay While Fast Is Broken

POONA, Mar. 1.

VISITORS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE AGA KHAN PALACE FOR THE LAST TIME TO-MORROW, THE 21ST DAY OF MAHATMA GANDHI'S FAST.

It is, however, learnt that his two sons, Mr. Devdas and Mr. Ramdas, have been granted permission, should they so desire, to be present at the Aga Khan Palace on Wednesday morning, when Mahatma Gandhi breaks his fast.

Dr. B. C. Roy, who is attending on Mahatma Gandhi, has tentatively decided to leave for Calcutta on Wednesday evening. Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar intends leaving Poona to-morrow.—A. P.

"Gandhi is not only for India a hero of national history, whose legendary memory will be enshrined in the millennial epoch. He has not only been the spirit of active life which has breathed into the peoples of India the proud consciousness of their unity, of their power, and the will to their independence. He has renewed, for all the peoples of the West, the message of their Christ, forgotton or betrayed. He has inscribed his name among the sages and saints of humanity; and the radiance of his figure has penetrated into all the regions of the earth."

—ROMAIN ROLLAND.

Parsi Women Demand Mahatma's Release

Glowing tributes were paid to the unique moral force and spiritual personality of Mahatma Gandhi, at a largely-attended public prayer meeting of Parsi ladies held at the Mody Hall, Fort, on Monday evening. The meeting by a resolution, unanimously passed, urged upon the Viceroy the granting of immediate and unconditional release of Gandhiji in view of his fast. Madame Sophia Wadia presided.

Mrs. Bapsey Sabavala led the prayers, the whole audience standing and reciting them with her. As the speakers addressed with warmth and emotion, they were listened to with rapt attention. When the President in putting the resolution to vote asked the audience to stand in silence for a minute, and pray for the long life and early release of Gandhiji, they all responded spontaneously in reverential silence and in a disciplined manner.

There was a general feeling among the audience that the meeting was too late. To this Mrs. Bapsey Sabavala replied in her frank manner in course of her speech that it was better late than never.

VALUE OF PRAYER

Madame Wadia in course of her presidential address, observed that the prayer meeting was more or less in the nature of a proclamation, and she believed that Force always followed such a sincere and ardent proclamation. A prayer, according to her, was the voice of the heart. It was an expression of the inner longing of the soul. In the present instance, their hearts were with Mahatma Gandhi who, for the sake of India's honour, had undertaken a twenty-one-day fast. Gandhiji was one of the greatest figures on the world-stage on which was being enacted a tremendous drama in which carnage and hatred were to the fore, but with which also were entwined the hopes of a better world-order. There was none equal to Gandhiji for showing to humanity the ways of peace and love, of order and harmony, of unity and co-operation.

APPEAL TO PARSIS

Concluding, Madame Wadia exhorted all to copy in their lives the spiritual message of the Mahatma and to live their lives in a spirit of truth.

She appealed to all Parsis to recognise themselves as sons and daughters of Mother India, and in this connection to remember Gandhiji who had served India so nobly.

Mrs. Bapsey Sabavala, then moving the resolution, observed that Gandhiji was "the greatest torch-bearer" of the present time.

Mrs. Lam further supporting the resolution referred to the national awakening in India as one of the best fruits of Gandhiji's efforts.

Mrs. Shirin Fozdar referred to the constructive programme of Gandhiji and told the audience what Gandhiji had done for the Harijans and as a social reformer.

Others also spoke on the occasion.

HOW HE BROKE "EPIC FAST"

(From Our Special Correspondent)

POONA, March 1.

Only 36 hours remain for the long-awaited Wednesday when Gandhiji will break his fast. Important personalities of India were present on most of the occasions when he launched on penance in the past. The well-known "Epic Fast" at Yeravda was broken after the Poet Tagore had sung a Bengali prayer which was his own composition. The little cup containing the first sip was served to him by the Poet. Many of the members of Gandhiji's family, including his sons, Devadas and Ramdas, and a large number of the inmates of Sevagram Ashram are patiently waiting in Poona for the dawn of Wednesday. Visitors from all Provinces are pouring in hoping to be present at least in the city, if not in the Aga Khan's Palace when Gandhiji breaks his fast.

"A sixth of mankind dwell in the territories of India. Gandhi, more than any other one man, has helped to raise the status, to uplift the spirit of this great section of the human race. India should be grateful to him for it. And Britain should be grateful. And the world at large, which indirectly and ultimately shares the benefit, should be grateful."

—The Rt. Hon. VISCOUNT SAMUEL, G.C.B., G.B.E., D.C.L.

"MORE A POLITICIAN THAN A SAINT"

LAHORE, Mar. 1.

"The country has been agitated over Mr Gandhi's fast. However misguided we may think Mr. Gandhi's attitude has been—and I for one think that he has been more a politician than a saint—in this world crisis, yet it would have been a calamity for the Empire if his fast had been fatal."

Thus observed Sir William Roberts, President of the Punjab Branch of the European Association, addressing the annual general meeting of the Association.

Sir William added: "We can illafford to dispose of anyone willing to sacrifice for an ideal. If the Mahatma lives he can yet be a great influence in bringing India to a better realisation of the issues at stake. Let us also search our hearts and see if we cannot, even at this late hour, do something to bring about a better atmosphere in this great country".—United Press.

MADRAS HIGH COURT QUASHES SENTENCE

Cannot Evade Safeguards Intended By Legislature

MADRAS, March 1.

On the ground that the Lower Court had no jurisdiction to take cognisance of an offence not mentioned in the charge-sheet, Mr. Justice Horwill passed orders in a Criminal Revision petition today in the Madras High Court acquitting Mr. N. Satyanarayana Murthi of Chirala who was convicted and sentenced to six months' R.I. by the Lower Court under the Criminal Law Amendment Act.

NO SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE

The petitioner was in the first instance charged before the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Ongole under the D.I.R. with the offence of inducing shop-keepers to close their shops following the arrest of Congress leaders and committing other prejudicial acts. In the course of the trial it was found that there was no satisfactory evidence to prove the offence under the D.I.R., and the petitioner was thereupon charged under the Criminal Law Amendment Act and convicted and sentenced to six months' R.I. The Sessions Judge Guntur, confirmed the conviction and sentence, against which the present revision petition was preferred in the High Court

EVADING THE SAFEGUARDS

Mr. Justice Horwill in allowing the petition and setting aside the conviction observed that under clause two, section 7 (1) of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, there must be a report in writing by a competent police officer of the facts constituting the offence. It would amount to evasion of the safeguards that the Legislature intended in enacting this section if a person was to be tried for an offence not reported by the police officer as stated in the section. The court was not entitled to frame a charge against the petitioner under the circumstances stated in this case.—A.P.

Bengal Christian Councils' Concern

CALCUTTA, Mar. 1.

A resolution expressing grave concern at Mahatma Gandhi's fast was adopted at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bengal Christian Council held to-day. The Committee offered its fervent prayer that the Mahatma's life might be spared. They further prayed that the Viceroy and the members of his Executive Council and leaders of Indian opinion might be guided to right decisions on the problems confronting the country. —A. P.

MADAME CHIANG FAINTS

NEW YORK, March 1.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek, who had been in hospital in the United States in recent months, became faint to-day while greeting public officials at Mayor Laguardia's office in New York. Part of the official reception was cancelled.—Reuter.

SIND PREMIER DEFENDS FOOD POLICY

Says, Primary Producer Would Not Be Deprived Of All Benefits

KARACHI, Mar. 1.

The general discussion on the Budget concluded in the Sind Assembly to-day.

In a spirited defence of the Government's decision to trade in surplus foodgrains produced in the Province, the Premier and Finance Member Sir Ghulam Hussain said that the requirements of the people of the Province would be first fully met. It was not true that the primary producer would be deprived of an benefit of the prices by reason of the Government's buying at the controlled rate, because the Bania would in any case, have purchased the entire crop beforehand. Under the new arrangement the producer would get more than twice what he would get otherwise. If the control was not there, the producer might get about four annas more but the middleman would get Rs. two. With the profits they would make, the Government would create a special fund which would be operated for the benefit of the people at large. Concluding the Premier maintained that the operation had been authorised by the Government of India and Rule 81 of the D. I. R. was clear on the point. If anybody thought otherwise, he could challenge the Government in a Court of Law.—A. P.

HEAVY ATTACK ON ST. NAZAIRE

LONDON, March 1.

It is officially announced that the R.A.F. attacked the U-Boat base at St. Nazaire last night. It was a very heavy attack. Bombs were also dropped on western Germany. One thousand tons of high explosive bombs and incendiaries were dropped on St. Nazaire base in thirty minutes

Five of our aircraft are missing. —Reuter.

MAUPERTUS AIRFIELDS BOMBED

LONDON, March 1.

An Air Ministry 'communique' on Sunday states:— "This afternoon Whirlwinds made another attack on enemy airfields at Maupertus. Spitfires which escorted them destroyed an enemy fighter.

Mosquitos bombed factories at Hengelo in Holland near Liese in Belgium. None of our aircraft is missing.

Maupertus is near Cherbound Peninsula.—Reuter.

ASHTI MURDER CASE ACCUSED SURRENDER

WARDHAGANJ: Two persons wanted from Wadala village in the Ashti Police murder case surrendered today.

Two students from Gramodyoga Vidyalaya Maganwadi, have been sentenced to one month's R.I. each on the charge of possessing prejudicial documents.

ASHRAM RAIDED

The police raided it is learnt, the Nalwadi Ashram near Wardha this evening and are reported to have seized some account vouchers. These are required, it is stated, by the police to compare the writing on the vouchers with the handwriting of an absconder in a case in which seven persons have so far been arrested. The case will be taken up by the Special Judge appointed this week to try persons for sabotage committed in October and November.—A. P.

"U.S. Must Intervene To Secure Gandhiji's Release"

Bombay Progressive Group's Plea

The Progressive Group, through its President, Mr. R. K. Karanjia, has addressed the following letter to Mr. William Phillips, Mr. Roosevelt's personal representative in India:—

Dear Friend

On behalf of the Progressive Group of Bombay, one of the most influential non-party and cosmopolitan organisations in India I write this to impress upon you and the great democratic nation you represent, the views, hopes and fears of young India on the existing crisis. That crisis can, in our opinion, be resolved only by the immediate and unconditional release of Gandhiji. And such a consummation, it is also in our considered opinion, can only be brought about by the intercession of the U.S.A

News that America may be discussing the situation with Britain has not given a little hope to us For your leaders and your people can bring to our crisis a freshness of outlook and impartiality which we can expect of Great Britain, who has taken upon herself the role of the prosecutor, the judge, the jury and the jailor in regard to the Indian National Congress.

PROFOUNDLY ANTI-AXIS

You have been with us long enough now to know well that this country is profoundly anti-Axis, that we adhere to democratic ideals and that the whole background development and the history of the Indian National Congress repudiate the suggestion that Mahatma Gandhi, or for the matter of that any Congress leader has at any time deviated from the path of the democratic precept or practice.

Of recent months we have met Americans, known them well. Their propaganda has told us how in many different ways they have practised those very ideals of freedom for which the world, including your nation, is today fighting and making immeasurable sacrifices. Is it too much then, to ask you to intercede on behalf of those very freedoms in India and to give us an assurance of the courage and sincerity of your conviction, by ensuring the immediate and unconditional release of our great leader?

You need not have fears about the consequences of such a step. We assure you—and you have innumerable such assurances from Gandhiji's own past—that such a gesture will not be lost upon him. Indeed it seems more than likely from the Viceroy-Gandhi correspondence, that once he is released unconditionally Gandhiji would condemn those misdeeds that have been done in India in the name of the Congress and, may be, hasten an honourable settlement with Britain.

Not only this country, but the entire freedom-loving world looks up to America, to intercede and save the life of our leader.

"He is a superb judge of other men. His humanity is one of the profoundest things that history has seen."

—EDWARD THOMPSON.

"It is a strange thing that Christians should feel, as many of us do, that the best Christian in the world today is a Hindu. The more I see of Gandhiji's work and read of his teaching, the more I feel that this is the case."

—MISS MAUDE ROYDEN.

Japs Out For All-Out Attack On Australia

Are They Better Than Allies In Air In S.-W. Pacific?

LONDON, March 1.

Allied Headquarters in South-West Pacific:

JAPAN IS NOW POISED TO STRIKE IN WHAT MAY PROVE TO BE AN ALL-OUT MOVE AGAINST ALLIED POSITIONS IN SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC. SHE HAS BEEN WORKING FEVERISHLY FOR THE LAST TWO MONTHS PUTTING THE FINISHING TOUCHES TO HER CHAIN OF NAVAL, LAND AND AIR BASES OVER THE ENTIRE NORTHERN PERIMETER OF ALLIED-HELD SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC.

General MacArthur's warning has not come as a surprise but gives official point and emphasis in an unprecedented manner to the grave dangers confronting Australia which is generally appreciated.

While it is possible that the "major force" which Japan has marshalled may be designed for defence, well-informed observers feel that the Japanese are bracing themselves for an offensive on a grand scale.

BETTER THAN ALLIES IN AIR

It is also known that Japan has a formidable airforce available for use in the South-West Pacific which quantitatively, if not qualitatively, greatly outnumbers the Allied aircraft. These are not necessarily based at points within the reach of Allied bombers. But the proximity of the Japanese main supply bases in Micronesia would place them at only a day's flight from any desired operational theatre in the South-West Pacific.

Summing up, the official relief is that Japan is mobilising all possible resources in men, ships and planes and straining every nerve for an attempted paralysing blow against the Allies in the South-West Pacific.

JAP STRATEGY

"The constantly growing reinforcements of all categories of Japanese strength" as reported by General MacArthur refers mainly to troops and aircraft. Hardened troops have been moved into the area. These have been deployed at strategic bases along the 3,000-mile arc of occupation, extending from Timor to the Solomons. Some of these bases in the north-west are within 200 miles of the mainland of Australia. In the north-east, it is known that the Japanese garrisons at several occupied points along the coast of New Guinea have been greatly reinforced. The movement of troops to both the north-west sectors by transport will be a simple matter for Japan.

Despite the innumerable heavy raids on the main marshalling harbours, Japan still possesses ample shipping both naval and mercantile for dispatching an even larger armada against Australia than the one shattered in the Coral Sea.

AUSTRALIAN ADVANCE

Further successes are reported in the advance of the Australians along the north coast of New Guinea, which aims at cleaning up one big slice of the island-chain. After a few days in which ground tracks towards Mubo, about 30 miles this side of the Japanese base of Salamaua.

To-day's communique announced that Allied forces are in possession of the Waipaing—Waipail district, which means that we are less than two miles from Mubo.

Allied Headquarters in South-west Pacific: The communique adds that air reconnaissance during past week's report constant and growing reinforcement of all categories of Japanese strength in the island, the perimeter enveloping the upper half of Australia.

MAJOR OFFENSIVE IMMINENT

NEW YORK: A major offensive against Japan is imminent says the "New York Times" commenting on the broadcast by Admiral Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Pacific Fleet.

The paper added "it will involve extensive use of both air and naval power to shell as well as bomb Japan. The United Nations have now established both naval and air superiority in the Pacific and it should go far to relieve the pressure on China until a route to China has been opened up."—Reuter.

"MAKE THE MOST OF BREATHING SPACE"

SYDNEY: The Commonwealth Army Minister, Mr. Forde, commenting on Monday on Gen. MacArthur's disclosure that Japanese troops are being reinforced north of Australia said: "We must make the most of the breathing space we are receiving."

Gen. MacArthur's communique gave point to the recent warnings by Mr. Curtin and others that although Japanese have suffered setbacks in New Guinea and the Solomons, the fighting strength must be built up "in readiness for a Japanese counter-attack which will undoubtedly come sooner or later."—Reuter.

Churchill Getting Up

LONDON, March 1.

"Prime Minister Churchill's condition is improving daily", says to-night's bulletin. "He is getting up and no further bulletins will be issued."—Reuter.

WASHINGTON:—The Navy Department announced that bombers sank a Japanese cargo vessel near Buin on February 28th in raids over Kahili and Balale in the Shortland area fires were started.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

SOVIET OFFENSIVE SLOWS DOWN

MOSCOW, Monday.

Reuters' special correspondent writes:—The great Soviet offensive is slowing down along the southern front after three months uninterrupted success. Stiffer German resistance an unusually early thaw and the need to consolidate the immense newly conquered territories are among the chief causes.

The character of the Soviet offensive too is changing.

CHUNGKING, Monday.

Chinese shock troops have recaptured Fengsin and six other towns in Kiangsu.—Reuter.

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Dated 25|2|43. 3597

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GHATKOPAR-KIROL MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE

(Under Sections 64 and 65 of the District Municipal Act of 1921).

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Assessment Lists of the Ghatkopar-Kirol Municipality for the year 1943-44 have been completed and published and are open for inspection at the Municipal Office at Ghatkopar during office hours on all working days.

Any person claiming to be either owner or occupier of any property included in the lists and any agent of such person shall be at liberty to inspect the lists and to take extracts therefrom without any charge.

If any such owner, occupier or representative has any objection to this Assessment, he or she should send his or her objection in writing 'within one month' from the date of this notice after which term no application will be considered.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Shareholders of the above Company that pursuant to the Resolution of the Board of Directors of the above Company on MONDAY, the 1st of March, 1943, an 'Ad-interim' dividend of Rs 2|- per share of Rs. 50|- each (free of Income-tax) will be paid to those shareholders whose names stand on the transfer Books of the Company on 25th March, 1943. Dividend warrants will be posted to the last Registered address of the Shareholders.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 9th March, 1943 to THURSDAY, the 25th day of March, 1943, both days inclusive.

Dividend will be paid on and after Thursday the 25th March, 1943 between 12 Noon and 3 P. M. (S.T.).

By Order of the Board.
PURSHOTAM GOVINDJI & CO.,
Managing Agents
Gool Mansion, Homji Street,
Fort, Bombay 1st March, 1943 (3608)

G. I. P. RAILWAY—RATE CIRCULARS

The following Rate Circulars have been issued:—

(1) Special Rate Circular No. 2 (Goods) of 1943, (2) Supplement to Foreign Rate Circular No. 1 (Goods and Coaching) of 1943 and (3) Special Rate Circular No. 1 (Coaching) of 1943.

Special Rate Circular No. 2 (Goods) of 1943 refers to the transfer of Jalgaon-Amalner branch to the B. B. & C. I. Railway.

Particulars may be obtained from the Chief Traffic Manager, Bombay, or stations. (3607)

G. I. P. RAILWAY

THE "DECCAN QUEEN"

ALTERED PROGRAMME FOR PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN MARCH.

During the Public Holidays in March, 1943, the Deccan Queen will run as follows:—

FROM BOMBAY
Wednesday, 3rd March, 1943.
Thursday, 18th March, 1943.

FROM POONA
Friday, 5th March, 1943.
Tuesday, 23rd March, 1943.

This train will not run on 4th, 19th and 20th March, 1943, from Bombay and on 19th, 20th and 22nd March, 1943, from Poona. 3605

Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that VASUDEV GOVINDRAO PACHIWALA alias CHIPLUNKAR, DATTATRAYA VASUDEV CHIPLUNKAR, SHANTARAM alias ASHOK VASUDEV, DINANATH VASUDEV, CHANDRAKANT VASUDEV, SURESH VASUDEV, SHASHIKANT VASUDEV, PADMAKAR VASUDEV and LILA VASUDEV, the last seven being minors under the age of 18 years by their father and natural Guardian the said Vasudev Govind Pachiwala alias Chiplunkar and Radhabai, widow of Govindrao Kashinath and Champubai, daughter of Vasudev Govindrao of Bombay Hindu Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Hamam House, Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY ABOVE REFERRED TO:—

ALL THAT piece or parcel of Pension and Tax (since redeemed) land or ground with the messuage tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being at Fanaswadi and Khataralli Lane in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay and containing by admeasurement 116-3/9 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 140 Part, New No. 1277 Part, Current Rent Roll No. 247, Old Survey No. 325 part, New Survey No. 376 Part, Cadastral Survey No. 2280 of Bhuleshwar Division and 2/2280 part of Bhuleshwar Division and in the Books of the Assessor and Collector of Municipal rates and taxes under C Ward Nos. 4649-50 and Street Nos. 25 and 15 to 25 and the common passage adjoining to the same, admeasuring about 42-6/9 square yards making together 159 square yards and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the East by property of Draupadibai, widow of Dinanath Narayan Rajpurkar on or towards the West by the Fanaswadi Lane, on or towards the North by the property of Meghashsm Narayan and on or towards the South by property of Nanabhai Sadanand Rele.

Dated this 1st day of March, 1943.
AMIN DESAI & NANAVATI,
Purchasers' Attorneys. 3596.

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G. I. P. RAILWAY

SUBURBAN TRAIN SERVICE

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED for the information of the public that on the 4th March, 1943 (MAHA SHIVARATRI DAY) both Main Line and Harbour Branch Suburban trains will run to WEEKDAY TIMINGS. 3605

Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that (1) RADHABAI ALIAS AHILYABAI, widow of Narayan Shivshankar Talpade, (2) MORESHWAR NARAYAN TALPADE, (3) SUNDERRAO NARAYAN TALPADE, (4) YESHWANTRAO NARAYAN TALPADE, (5) KHANDERAO NARAYAN TALPADE, (6) MUKUNDRAO NARAYAN TALPADE, (7) DUTTARAM NARAYAN TALPADE, (8) SHIVSHANKER SAHMRAO TALPADE, (9) VITHABAI, wife of Shivshanker Shamrao Talpade and (10) PORIBAI, wife of Vinayak Vishwasrao Jayaker, all of Bombay Hindu Inhabitants have agreed to sell the undermentioned property described in the First Schedule hereunder written to our clients.

The property belonged to Shivshanker Mancoba who died on 25th May, 1887, leaving a Will dated 14th June, 1865. The said Will was proved by his two sons and executors Shamrao Shivshanker and Narayan Shivshanker. The first Vendor is the widow and Vendors (2) to (7) are the sons of the said Narayan and claim to be beneficiaries under his Will. The Vendors (8), (9) and (10) are the son, daughter-in-law and daughter respectively of the said Shamrao and are beneficiaries under his Will.

The Vendors state that the title deeds relating to the said property specified in the Second Schedule hereunder written have not come into their possession; that the same were last seen by some of the Vendors in possession of Shamrao Shivshanker Mancoba who died on the 14th February, 1925, leaving a Will dated 28th November, 1922, which was proved by three of the Executors named therein, namely, Anandrao Krishnarao Kothare, Sunderrao Sakharam Kothare and Balaram Narayan Talpade on the 4th day of February 1926.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property described in the First Schedule hereunder by virtue of deposit of all or any of the title-deeds specified in the Second Schedule hereunder written by the said Narayan Shivshanker Talpade and/or Shamrao Shivshanker Talpade or by any of the Vendors or by any of the proving Executors of the said Shamrao Shivshanker Mancoba by way of mortgage, gift, trust or by way of lien or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Alli Chambers, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same if any will be considered as waived.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:—

ALL that piece or parceor or parcel of land or ground of Pension and Tax rent tenure, situated at 2nd Fanaswadi in City of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 511 square yards or thereabouts and situated within the registration Sub-district of Bombay and premises of pension and tax rent tenure whereof the cess has been redeemed registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under New No. 1155, New Survey No. 309, Cadastral Survey No. 2007 of Bhuleshwar Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Taxes under C Ward No. 4826-27 28, Street No. 4-4A, 2nd Fanaswadi and bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the North by the property of Messrs. Vishwanath Madhavjee and other Trustees, on or towards the South by the property of Messrs. Chandulal K. Daphtary and others, on or towards the West by the property of Karsondas Premji, on or towards the East by the Fanaswadi 2nd Lane and standing in the name of Messrs. Narayan Shivshanker and Shamrao Shivshankar, in the Bombay Collector's Office.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:—

1-6-1871. Mortgage from Anandrao Shrikrishna to Govind Balkrishna.

2-10-1873. Mortgage from Anandrao Shrikrishna to Govind Balkrishna.

17-11-1874. Mortgage from Anandrao Shrikrishna to Govind Balkrishna.

5-10-1875. Reconveyance from Govind Balkrishna to Anandrao Shrikrishna.

9-12-1875. Conveyance from Anandrao Shrikrishna to Shivshanker Mancoba.

28-9-1912. Probate of the Will of Shivshanker Mancoba granted to Narayan Shivshanker and Shamrao Shivshanker.

4-2-1926. Probate of the Will of Shamrao Shivshanker Mancoba granted to Anandrao Krishnarao Kothare, Sunderrao Sakharam Kothare and Balaram Narayan Talpade.

Dated this 1st day of March 1943.
THAKURDAS DARU HEMANY & CO.
Purchasers' Attorneys. 3598.

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PRO. VICE-CHANCELLOR. (3591)

Auction Sales

SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY at the junction of Kamatipura 13th Street and Stable Street.

Messrs. SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO., will under instructions from Messrs. Golwalla & Co., attorneys for the Mortgagees Mr. Jehangir Ardeshir Bamboat, and others and on account and at the risk of the mortgagor Bai Mariambai alias Amoobai widow of Haji Ayub Jacob sell by Public Auction on Monday the 8th March, 1943 at 4-30 P. M. (N. S. T.) on the premises the following:—

ALL THAT piece of land of the Quit and Ground Rent Tenure situate at the Junction of Kamatipura, 13th Street and Stable Street, outside the Fort, Bombay containing by admeasurement 13 Square Yards or thereabouts and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey No. 1-2|6425 (erroneously stated in one document as 1-2 (1425) and Cadastral Survey No. 282 of Bycula Division and assessed by the Bombay Municipality under E Ward No. 917 and 2025 and Street Nos. 80-86.

Further particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from M|s. Golwalla & Co., attorneys for the Mortgagees, 65, Esplanade Road or from the undersigned.

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Japan Has Greater Resources Than Germany

MADAME CHIANG EXPOSES FALLACY OF HITLER BEING FIRST CONCERN

In the course of her address to the joint session of the United States' Congress Madame Chiang Kai-shek said:—

The task which is now confronting you is to help win the war and to create and uphold a lasting peace which will justify the sacrifices and sufferings of the victims of aggression.

Sun Tse, the well-known Chinese strategist, said 'In order to win, know thyself and thy enemy'.

We have also a saying, 'It takes little effort to watch the other fellow carry the load.'

In spite of these teachings from the wise old past, which are shared by every nation there has been a tendency to belittle the strength of our opponents

CHANGING ATTITUDE

When Japan thrust total war on China in 1937 military experts of every nation did not give China even the ghost of a chance But, when Japan failed to bring China cringing to her knees as she had vaunted, the world took solace in this phenomenon by declaring that they had overestimated Japan's military might

Nevertheless, when the greedy flames of war inexorably spread to the Pacific following the perfidious attack on Pearl Harbour Malaya and the lands in and around China Sea, and one after another these places fell, the pendulum swung to the other extreme.

Doubts and fears lifted their ugly heads and the world began to think that the Japanese were Nietzschean supermen superior in intellect and physical prowess, a belief which the Gobineaus and Houston Chamberlains and their apt pupils the Nazi racists propounded about the Nordics.

Again, now, the prevailing opinion seems to consider the defeat of the Japanese as of relative unimportance and that Hitler is our first concern. This is not borne out by actual facts nor is it to the interest of the United Nations as a whole to allow Japan to continue not only as a vital potential threat but as a waiting sword of Damocles ready to descern at a moment's notice

DON'T FORGET THIS

"Let us not forget that Japan, in her occupied areas, today has greater resources at her command than has Germany

"Let us not forget that the longer Japan is left in undisputed possession of these resources, the stronger she must become. Each passing day takes more toll of lives both in American and Chinese.

"Let us not forget that the Japanese are an intransigent people.

"Let us not forget that during the first four and a half years of total aggression, China has borne Japan's onslaught [illegible] unaided and alone.

STEPS IN RIGHT DIRECTION

The victories won by the United States Navy at Midway and the Coral Sea are doubtless steps in the right direction—they are merely steps in the right direction—for the magnificent fight waged at Guadalcanar during the past six months attests to the fact that the defeat of the forces of evil, though long and arduous will finally come to pass.

For have we not, on the side of righteousness and justice, staunch Allies in Great Britain, Russia and other brave and indomitable peoples?

Meanwhile the Peril of the Japanese juggernaut remains. Japanese military might must be decimated as a fighting force before its threat to civilization is removed.

When the 77th Congress declared war on Japan, Germany and Italy, Congress for the moment had done its work. It now remains for you, the present representatives of the American people, to point the way to win the war and to help construct a world in which all peoples may henceforth live in harmony and peace.

May I not hope that it is the resolve of Congress to devote itself to the creation of a postwar world? To dedicate itself to the preparation for the brighter future which that stricken world so eagerly awaits?

NO VINDICTIVENESS

We of this generation, who are privileged to help make a better world for ourselves and posterity, should remember that while we must not be visionary, we must have vision, so that the peace shall not be punitive in spirit and shall not be provincial or nationalistic or even continental in concept, but universal in scope and humanitarian in action for modern science has so annihilated distance that what affects one people must of necessity affect all other peoples.

The term 'hands and feet' is often used in China to signify the relationship between brothers. Since international interdependence is now so universally recognized, can we not also say that all nations should become members of one corporate body?

The 160 years of traditional friendship between our two great peoples of China and America, which have never been marred by misunderstandings, is unsurpassed in the annals of the world.

I can also assure you that China is eager and ready to co-operate with you and with other peoples to lay a true and lasting foundation for a sane progressive world society, which would make it impossible for any arrogant or predatory neighbour to plunge future generations into another orgy of blood.

In the past, China has not computed the cost of her manpower in her fight against aggression, although she well realized that man-power is the real wealth of a nation and that it takes generations to grow it.

She has been soberly conscious of her responsibilities and has not concerned herself with the privileges and gains which she might have obtained through a compromise of principles.

Nor will she demean herself and all she holds dear to the practice of the market-place.

SOUL OF A NATION

We in China, like you, want a better world, not for ourselves alone but for all mankind, and we must have it.

It is not enough, however, to proclaim our ideals or even to be convinced that we have them. In order to preserve, uphold and maintain them there are times when we should throw all that we cherish into our effort to fulfil these ideals, even at the risk of failure

The teachings drawn from our late leader, Dr. Sun Yat-sen, have given our people the fortitude to carry on. From the experience of five and one-half years, we in China are convinced that it is the better part of wisdom not to accept failure ignominously but to risk it gloriously. We will have faith that, at the writing of the peace, our American and our other gallant allies will not be obstructed by a mirage of contingent reasons of expedience.

Man's, mettle is tested both in adversity and in success. Twice is that true of the soul of a nation."

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HAND-MADE PAPER FOR BENGALI WEEKLY

MYMENSINGH, Mar. 1.

One of the local weeklies, the "Charumihir" is using hand-made paper manufactured by itself.—United Press.

NEW DELHI: The ninth session of the National Defence Council will be held at the Viceroy's House, New Delhi, on the 12th, 13th and 14th April, 1943, says a "communique".—A. P.

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ASSAULT AND MURDER ALLEGED

BOMBAY, Monday.

The case against Mohamedali Gulamhusein Chungi and four other men, all charged with murder, came up for hearing today before Mr. V. K Muranjan, Presidency Magistrate Mazagaon Court. The other four men who are charged with Chungi, are Baboo Banekhan, Abdul Gafur Abdul Kadar, Sidik Mohamed Hussein and Hussein Hassan.

The case was postponed to Saturday.

Stabbing Outrage At Codell Road

The Cadell Road Bombay was the spot of a sensational Stabbing Case on Saturday night.

Out of the two persons who were injured as a result of alleged stabbing by some Pathans one died on the spot while the other is lying in precarious condion in the K. E. M. Hospital.

It was stated deceased Chintoo Babya Kalkar resident of Enco's Wadi, Dadar and his party had enmity with some Pathans for some time past. On Saturday night when the deceased was sitting outside a Dyeing Factory at Cadell Road when some Pathans came there and alleged to have stabbed him and one other.

Kalkar succumbed to his injuries scon after the incident while the other person was removed to the hospital where his condition is stated to be precarious.

SURETY'S APPLICATION GRANTED

A rule was granted on Monday by the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Weston, sitting on the Appellate Side of the Bombay High Court, in an application made by Haji Mohamed Ali, a surety, for revision of the order of the Presidency Magistrate, Second Court, Bombay, rejecting his petition for return of the bail amount of Rs. 200 deposited by him as surety for an accused person charged with an Excise offence.

The accused had failed to appear in the Court and the Magistrate served a notice on the surety, calling upon the surety to show cause why the amount against the bail should not be forfeited.

It was contended on behalf of the petitioner that as the surety bond did not mention the Court in which the surety was to produce the accused, the payment of the amount could not be enforced by law and as such the Magistrate should have ordered the amount of bail deposit to be returned to the petitioner.

"Janmabhoomi" and "Nutan Gujarat" will resume publication from Wednesday, the 3rd March 1943.

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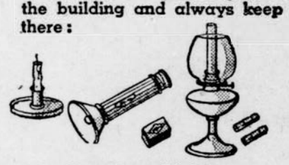
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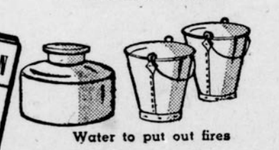
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AMUSEMENTS

EXCELSIOR—"Secret Mission" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m
EROS—"Springtime in the Rockies" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
STRAND—"Law of the Tropics" 3-30 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CITY LIGHT—"Khilauna" 4-30 7-15 and 10 p.m.
HINDMATA—"Beti" 4-30 7-15 and 10 p.m.
SUPER—"Gora Kumbhar" 4-15 7 and 9-45 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"A Day in Soviet Russia" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Musafir" 4-30 7-15 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"The War Against Mrs. Hadley" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m
REGAL—"Wake Island" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CAPITOL—"Men of Texas" 4 6-30 and 9-30
MINERVA—"Sharda" 5, 7-30 and 10 p.m.
PALACE—"Little Foxes" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Khan Daan" 3, 6-15 and 9-30
EDWARD—"Achhoot Kanya" 4, 6-30 and 10
AURORA—"They Died with their Boots on" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Basant" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
ROXY—"Kismet" 3-30 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
NEW WEST END—"Zamindar" 3, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Ten O'Clock" 4, 7 and 10 p.m
SWASTIK—"Lalaji" 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m
KRISHNA—"Prarthana" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Surdas" 5, 7-30 and 10 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Yad" 5, 7-30 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Jawab" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
APOLLO—"Station Master" 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.

DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

NATIONAL WAR FRONT: Under the auspices of the National War Front a propaganda and entertainment show will be held to-day (Tuesday), at 6-30 p.m. at the Central Studios, Tardeo Road, when Mr. Fazal I. Rahimtoola, Director of the Front for Malabar Hill Division, will welcome the guests. Sir Rustom Masani, Provincial Leader will deliver an inaugural address, and speeches will be made by prominent citizens.

Major S. R. Bamji, Director National War Front, Dadar, will give a talk in Urdoo from Bombay Station of the All-India Radio, on "The present war and our duty", at 8-30 in the evening to-day (Tuesday).

IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE: No metting to-day. The next meeting in the Corporation Hall, on Tuesday, the 16th instant at 2-30 p.m (B.T.).

ON BETTERMENT OF PARSIS: Under the joint auspices of the Rahnumae Mazdayasnan Sabha and the Gatha Society, Mr. Manilal C. Parakh, will give a public lecture in Gujarati on "the Social and religious betterment of the Parsis" at the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute (1st floor), 136 Apollo Street, Fort, to-day (Tuesday), at 6-15 p.m. (S.T.).

INDIAN MERCHANTS' MEETING: A meeting of the Committee of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry will be held at the premises of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Backbay Reclamation, (Opp. Churchgate Station), today (Tuesday), at 11 a.m. (N.S.T.)

COMMERCE GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION: Under the auspices of the Commerce Graduates' Association Mr. H. S. Vazifdar, will read a paper on "Iron and Steel in Commerce and Industry" to-day (Tuesday), at 6-30 p.m. in the Association Rooms, Wadia Building, Dalal Street, Fort, Prof. S. G. Beri will preside. The meeting is open to the public.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE OVERSEAS (PARSI AMBULANCE DIVISION): Mr. C. G. Vakil, Advocate will speak on "First Air Raid" at the Lady Willingdon Building, opposite Metro Cinema, corner of Esplanade Maidan to-day (Tuesday), at 6-30 p.m.

POSTAL HOLIDAY: Thursday, March 4, will be a Post Office holiday on account of Maha Shivratri.

All the Depts. of the G.P.O. and the T.S.O.'s will observe on that day the same working hours as on Sundays. The telegraph branches of the following combined offices will, however, remain open and work as usual. Colaba, Kalbadevi, Masjid, Mazgaon, Bombay G.P.O., Byculla, Girgaon, Malabar Hill, Parel, Dadar, Bandra, Mahim, Mandvi, Grant Road, Santa Cruz, Vile Parle, Matunga, Malabar Point T. O. The other combined offices will remain entirely closed on that day.

HONY. OPHTHALMIC SURGEON: The Surgeon General is pleased to appoint Mr. K. G. Das, M.B.B.S., (Bom.), D.O., (Oxon), D&O.M.S., (London), as Honorary Ophthalmic Surgeon, St. George's Hospital, Bombay, for a period of two years with effect from 27th October, 1942.

Listeners tuning their radio sets to the Bombay Station of the All-India Radio at 8-30 p.m. to-day will hear an interesting talk in Urdu on "The Present War and Our Duty" by Major S. R. Bamji, Director of the National War Front for Dadar East Division.

Savarkar On Punjab's Redistribution

BOMBAY, Mar. 1.

Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, has sent a telegram to the Reception Committee of the Punjab Hindu Conference at Lyallpur stating that he never supported nor raised the question of redistribution of the Punjab.

But if the Hindus and Sikhs themselves want it, the telegram adds, he will only emphasise that it must be subject to the integrity of Hindustan from the Indus to the sea, and to the subordination of the provinces, old or new, to a strong Central Indian Government.—United Press.

Radical Democrats' 2nd Conference Discusses Deadlock

The second conference of the Bombay Radical Democratic Party was in session on Saturday evening and Sunday morning at the Servants of India Society hall, Girgaon under the presidentship of Mr. K. K. Sinha a member of the Central Secretariat of the Radical Democratic Party.

Messrs. Ramsingh of Delhi, A. K. Mukerji of Saharanpur and V. M. Tarkunde of Poona, all members of the Central Secretariat and Mr. M. N. Roy and Mrs. Ellen Roy were also present. After a good deal of deliberations resolutions on the political deadlock, food crisis and plan of action were passed.

Agricultural Research

NEW DELHI, Mar. 1.

The future planning and co-ordination of agricultural research in India to get the maximum result with the available resources was discussed at the annual meeting of the Advisory Board of the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research held recently at New Delhi and the prevailing view was that, while a central agency should periodically review progress in each field and allocate work to various centres, the general plan should be elastic enough to give scope for the individual talent and aptitude of scientific workers.

The Scientific Sub-Committees of the Council are collecting information about work in progress throughout India so as to plan for the future.—A. P.

ASSEMBLY STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE.

NEW DELHI, Mar. 1.

A meeting of the Standing Finance Committee of the Central Legislative Assembly will be held on Saturday, March 13, states a press "communique". The Hon'ble Sir Jeremy Raisman, will preside.—A. P.

B. B. CLEARING HOUSE: Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 26-2-1943 were as under:—Number of cheques—1,18,516; Amount of cheques—32,05,75,827-10-7.

B. P. HOCKEY

'Times Of India' 'A' Qualify For Final

In a grand semi-final that might also have been "clean" but wasn't, "The Times of India" 'A' trounced the Bombay Customs to the tune of 5 goals to nil last evening, thus earning the right to meet the Lusitanians in the Final on Wednesday.

If the Customs have found themselves unpopular with the crowds for some time past now, their display on this occasion is certainly not going to gain them many friends; and it seems such a pity that, after playing not only good but also the cleanest of hockey the whole season through they should have on this their last match of the Tournament proved that they just "can't take it."

For the rest, the Customs played quite good hockey, much too good in fact for a team which is composed almost entirely of "old horses". But youth and stamina told in the end as it eventually had to tell, and "The Times" scored twice in the latter period of the first half, and then thrice again in the second.

A.-I. Muslim League Council

NEW DELHI, Feb. 28.

A meeting of the Council of the All-India Muslim League will be held on Sunday, the 7th; Mr. M. A. Jinnah President of the Muslim League will preside.

Besides the election of President for the next term several resolutions which have been received, will be discussed. One resolution recommends the setting up of a Committee to help the provincial Leagues to expand and improve their organization, to produce literature useful to the aims and ideals of the Muslim League, to bring about mass contact between the Mussulmans of all parts of India. Another resolution refers to the unsympathetic attitude of the Gwalior Government with regard to the elementary civil, religious, cultural and political rights of the Muslims in the State. A third resolution recommends the nomination of a Committee which will include the Khaksar leader, Allama Mashriqi as its President to organise, guide and control the formation of the Muslim National Guard regiment all over India.—Orient Press.

Bengal Mahasabha Congratulates Them

CALCUTTA, Mar. 1.

A resolution congratulating the three members of the Viceroy's Executive Council who have resigned and expressing disappointment that this example was not followed by other Indian members of the Council has been adopted by the Council of the Bengal Provincial Hindu Mahasabha.

Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukerjee and Mr. N. C. Chatterjee were re-elected President and Working President of the Provincial Council for the year.—A. P.

Final Forecast Of U. P. Cotton Crop

LUCKNOW, Mar. 1.

A revised final forecast of the cotton crop for 1942-43 issued by the Department of Agriculture, United Provinces, says that the revised total area for the province now is 30,916 acres against 428,620 acres (revised) last year, showing a decrease of 119,459 acres or 27 point 9 per cent.

The revised outturn of the cotton crop works out to 131,851 bales as against 106,445 bales last year, showing an increase of 25,406 bales or 25.0 per cent.—A. P.

GORAKHPUR, Feb. 28.—At a Durbar, a purse of rupees three lakhs was presented to Sir Maurice Hallet, for the purchase of a bomber.—A. P.

PINTO ARRESTED UNDER DEFENCE RULES

BOMBAY, March 1.

Mr. F. M. Pinto, Secretary of the Nationalist Christian Party, was arrested under the Defence of India Rules on Friday afternoon.—A. P.

PROCESSIONISTS GET 2 MONTHS' R. I.

Abaji Ganoo Jagpat who was arrested by the Biculla Police on January 26 for leading a procession was to-day sentenced to two months' R. I. by Mr. I. S. Haji, Presidency Magistrate of the Mazgaon Police Court.

Similar imprisonment was imposed on Haridas R. Bhatia and Bhagwandas Ramdas for leading a procession on Independence Day.

The accused were arrested by the Princess Street Police at Kalbadevi, Bombay.

Jains Must Observe "Ayambil" To-day

An appeal to Jains all over India to observe "Ayambil" vow and pray for Mahatma Gandhi's long life on Tuesday, March 2, is made by the General Secretaries of the All-India Jain Shwetamber Conference.—A. P.

Assembly Adjourned In Memory Of Dr. D'Souza

NEW DELHI March 1.

The Central Assembly adjourned this morning without transacting any business as a mark of respect to the late Dr F X. D'Souza, a member of the House who died on Saturday.

Digvijay Insurance Co.

The first annual general meeting of the Digvijay Insurance Co was held at the office of the Company at Sir Pherozeshah Mehta Road on Monday afternoon when the Director's report and audited balance sheet and revenue account for the period ending 31st December 1942 was adopted. Mr. Amritlal Kalidas Sheth presided.

During the period under report the Company received 310 Proposals for assurance of Rs. 14,34,000. Of these 287 proposals resulted into Policies assuring a sum of Rs. 11,31,000 and yielding an annual premium income of Rs. 58,000. The remaining proposals were either declined, postponed or were awaiting completion at the end of the year. The total number of Policies issued by the Company is 307. No claim has arisen upto now.

The total Income during the period under report is Rs. 45,459-6-5. Company's deposits in Securities with the Government of India amount to the face value of Rs 1,07,000.

The Punjab Muslim Students' Federation has decided to celebrate 'Pakistan Day' on March 23rd and a sub-committee has been formed to chalk out a programme therefor.—Orient Press.

EX-MINISTER BECOMES BENGAL SPEAKER

CALCUTTA, March 1.

Mr. Syed Nausher Ali, ex-Minister was elected Speaker of the Bengal Legislative Assembly this evening.

The voting was as follows: Syed Nausher Ali (Progressive Coalition Party) 118 votes; A. R. Siddiqui (Muslim League) 95; Nishit Nath Kundu (Progressive Coalition—now a security prisoner) nil. The vacancy was caused by the resignation of Sir Azizul-Huque on his being appointed High Commissioner for India in London.—A.P.

International Red Cross Broadcast To India Today

SIMLA Feb. 28.

A cable from the International Red Cross, Geneva states that "on the occasion of All-India Red Cross Week the International Red Cross will make a special radio transmission to India.

This broadcast will take place on Tuesday, March 2 on 16.23 meters from the Swiss short wave transmitter.

The time of the broadcast is given as 15-00 hours, but it is not known whether this is G.M.T. or I.S.T.—A. P.

Mr. Justice Coyajee Takes His Seat

When Mr. Justice N. H. Coyajee took his seat on Monday morning for the first time as a Judge of the Bombay High Court, the Advocate-General Mr. N. P. Engineer welcomed him cordially on behalf of the Bar. The Advocate-General observed that it was not the first time that both father and son had the distinction of being on the Bench of this High Court and expressed hope that his Lordship would follow in the footsteps of his illustrious father. The Advocate General assured his Lordship of the fullest co-operation from the Bar.

Replying to the Advocate General, Mr. Justice Coyajee stated that he was deeply touched by this warm welcome and expressed his thanks for it. His Lordship stated that in the discharge of his duties he had the assistance of a very efficient and able Bar. In his twenty years at the Bar his Lordship said that he had before him the example of several Judges whose decisions were free from bias and who had displayed unfailing courtesy.

PROPERTY ASSOCIATION'S PROTEST

The Property Association of Bombay in the course of a representation to the Governor of Bombay on the subject of the imposition of the Urban Immoveable Property Tax "emphasizes that the tax was specifically levied for the purpose of meeting the deficit due to the Prohibition Policy and not for meeting any other loss in Revenue or meeting any increase in expenditure in other spheres and begs to submit that the increase in expenditure due to war measures should not be met from the levy of Urban Immoveable Property Tax."

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THE CENTRAL BUDGET—II

Protests against the defects of the Central Budget are not so vocal to-day as they would ordinarily have been. This is due to a variety of reasons, the main ones being the absence of many leaders in jail, the preoccupation of people's minds with Gandhiji's fast and the circumstances that led to it, and their conviction that protests are futile against a constitutionally irresponsible Government. Moreover many of the implications of the budget are obvious only to a few. Even a businessman like Sir Cowasji Jehangir said he wanted time to study the budget before making his comments thereon, and he particularly urged the public to study the full implications of Indo-British financial settlement. This settlement, like many others like it, may be likened to a pact between the giant and the dwarf, the former having the right to decide the details and revise them as and when he deemed necessary. Sir Ardeshir Dalal fears that, though the settlement is proposed to remain intact, the fact as brought out in the Finance Member's speech seem to show that there has already been some alterations. There may be more ere long.

"From the point of view of business and industrial development" Sir Ardeshir says, "the budget is fairly satisfactory in view of the great increase in defence expenditure." If this view is correct at all it is so with many reservations. The industrial expansion due to increased defence expenditure may be temporary, and its future will be determined more by the needs of Britain than those of India. And in the absence of a National Government now or at least immediately after the war, India may go to the wall whenever her interests clash with those of Britain. The protection that is now given to several war industries may be withheld when free imports from Britain can be resumed. The Finance Member stated that the Government of India were considering the question of constituting a Reconstruction Fund "to provide for the financing of a programme of post-war reconstruction including the rehabilitation and re-equipment of industry." The need of such a Fund is self-evident. But the more important question is who will control it and how. The Finance Member did not contemplate a free National Government controlling the Fund and the Reconstruction programme independently of Britain. On the contrary he said: "In so far as this programme depended on the ability of the producing countries to release certain types of goods for export, it would clearly involve international co-operation, and in particular the assistance and co-operation of His Majesty's Government." This, too, may be the co-operation between the giant and the dwarf unless the Government of India is free and national even before the conclusion of the war.

Gandhiji's Visitors

It will be a great relief to all to learn that on the twentieth day of his fast Gandhiji maintained his strength and was in good spirits. But the doctors' bulletin adds that "he is easily tired by visitors". This is not surprising at this stage of the fast. What is surprising and painful is that so many visitors continue to exhaust him. It has been reported that "by far the largest number of visitors" saw him on Sunday. Fortunately Monday was his silence day, else Sunday's record would probably have been beaten. Mr. Devadas Gandhi had, therefore, good reason to issue an appeal on Sunday cautiously "intending visitors to be most careful and to avoid tiring him in the slightest degree" as "the strain on Gandhiji is heavy" and he is "growing naturally weaker and weaker". It is to be hoped that at least on the last day of the fast, which must necessarily be the most exacting, visitors would be a little more considerate and kind and less selfish, if only because the terrible strain of the fast will continue for several days even after the fast is broken.

Tunisian Developments

Beaten in central Tunisia, the Axis are now trying an offensive in the northern sector where they have already launched more than a dozen attacks in two days. The attacks have been generally held although von Arnim has not yet been so effectively dealt with as was Rommel in the Kasserine region. Von Arnim may probably persist in his aggressive activities for a few days more. His object, however, does not appear to correspondents to be any thing more far-reaching than to disturb Allied communications and delay an offensive by the British First Army as long as possible. But although attention at the moment is focussed on von Arnim's effort, the centre of interest is, as we hope, rapidly shifting to southern Tunisia.

There the old opponents, General Montgomery and Field Marshal Rommel, are about to enter on the decisive phase of their fight which began at El-Alamein more than a thousand miles to the east. Certain reports—but they are all unofficial—suggest that the battle has already been joined, that, indeed, the Eighth Army has actually pierced the Mareth defences at some points. This is probably a little premature, but signs that a flare-up is imminent are unmistakable. And if General Montgomery succeeds in quickly reducing the Mareth Line the entire situation in Tunisia will change rapidly and radically. It will also be a magnificent climax to the Eighth Army's already historic series of achievements.

Permission Refused For Thanksgiving Meeting

Mr. Adi K. Munshi writes:—

"We had decided to hold a public meeting under the auspices of a number of well-known associations of Bombay on Thursday next, to thank God for sparing Mahatma Gandhi's life and to congratulate the Mahatma upon the happy termination of the fast.

To secure the required permission, accompanied by Mr. H. M. Trivedi and Mr. R. D. Aurangabadkar, I went to the Police Commissioner's Office, to see personally the Commissioner of Police. In the office, we were referred to the Deputy Commissioner, who talked to us very politely, but who declined to give us permission, for he did not want to take the responsibility, and referred us to the Commissioner of Police. In the course of our conversation with the Commissioner and his Deputy, I observed that it was unreasonable and unaccountable for the police authorities to refuse us permission for such a meeting, which would be held in much happier conditions than the Sheriff's meeting and other meetings, which were allowed to be held in Bombay, when the general fears were that the Mahatma might die.

At the Sheriff's meeting and other meetings, there was a possibility of feelings running high on the score of appeals made to Government to release Gandhiji.

At the Thursday meeting, there was no such possibility.

Yet the Commissioner of Police would not give us the necessary permission to gather together at a public meeting and thank Divine Providence for His great mercy and to congratulate Mahatma Gandhi on the happy termination of the fast.

Bombay's Red Cross Week

The Hon. Publicity Secretary of Bombay Red Cross Week Committee writes:—

More and more exciting news comes to hand about the Grand cocktail dance, cabaret and casino at Greens which will open Bombay's eventful Red Cross Week at 7 p.m. on Wednesday. While 'two' marvellous bands are going to take understanding care of appreciative dancers—a Dutch naval band in addition to Sunny Lobo and his Nite Club Boys—those who prefer to keep cool and watch are going to have superb entertainment. Among the cabaret items are a sword dance from the idyllic, tragic Isle of Bali, the world's last (and lost) paradise—lost when the Japanese overran the Dutch East Indies (and it will be accompanied, Balinese fashion, by drums); a Czech folk-dance called the "Beseda"; and two exhibition ballroom dances—an Argentine Tango and a Cuban Rhumba. And I doubt if there has ever been such an interesting collection of "objects d'art" (in the true sense of that often mis-used term) donated to a worthy cause for sale to the highest bidder, as will be put up for auction during the evening. Among them are an exquisite Chinese silver bowl, an antique shawl most beautifully embroidered, a ring made of German shrapnel (presented by R. A. F. pilots) and a number of pictures—in oils, water colour and pastel—by some members of the Bombay Art Society. These have been persuaded by the Society's Hon. Secretary, Mr. V. V. Oak, to donate representative examples of their work to the Red Cross:—Messrs. N. S. Bendre, C. V. Oak, V. S. Gurjar, V. A. Mali, Karanjaoker, K. Parendakar, H. E. Hudson, W. Langhammer and Mrs. Nixon-Blundell.

Last but by no means least, a blank canvas has been donated by the well-known portrait-painter Mr. Lalkaka, on which he will paint (but 'not' on Wednesday evening!) a head and shoulders portrait of the man or woman to whose bid it falls.

By the way, Mrs. Captain, the Chairman of the Ladies' Committee of the War Gifts Fund, who have organised this function (which, as everybody knows, His Excellency and Lady Lumley will attend) wishes it to be known that there have been 'no expenses' incurred in connection with it. Everything has been donated, all services are being given free. As unsold tickets have now been called in, anyone who wants one at the eleventh hour will get it now from the Taj (Tel: 35021) or the Ladies' Committee Office (Tel. 27061).

Punjab Assembly To Discuss Bans On Meetings

LAHORE, Mar. 1.

An attempt to raise discussion on the Government's order banning meetings and processions in various districts of the Punjab following Mahatma Gandhi's fast, will be made through an adjournment motion in the Punjab Assembly, a notice of which has been given by Sardar Harisingh (Communist).

He has also given notice of another adjournment motion which seeks to raise discussion on the situation arising out of Mahatma Gandhi's fast.—A. P.

Frankly Speaking

Thaw Sets In

Fighting desperately, the Germans seem to have succeeded in stemming the Soviet advance in the Donbas region. This is not so disappointing as the fact that the thaw has arrived in the south and is now spreading northwards. As the Soviet General, Zaitev, has told Reuter, "I expect a prolonged lull in the military operations owing to thaw." This lull may well give the Germans in the South that invaluable respite which they so desperately need to stave off disaster. A compensating factor however, is that the Russians have started offensives in the northern half of the front. For although they themselves are silent the Germans have for some time been speaking of fierce and not unsuccessful Russian attacks on a long front from Lake Ladoga down to Orel.

Jap Alarm

According to latest reports from General MacArthur's headquarters, the Japanese are hurridely reinforcing their bases and positions in the islands north of Australia. This is not surprising. Reverses in New Guinea and the Solomons have given the Japanese just reasons to fear further and more serious developments. And they are doing what they can to prepare for and meet them. The essential point is that these preparations are defensive. The blows that they have recently suffered have left them little appetite for any aggressive move in the South-west Pacific. Moreover, the losses that they have suffered during the past six months in aircraft, warships, merchantships and crack troops have been too crippling for any further adventure.

Valuable Opportunity

In this connection it is interesting to note that Admiral Chester Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, has just assured his countrymen that American might in the Pacific is about ready to undertake a drive for positions from which Japanese industrial centres can be brought under direct and devastating attack. This announcement, incidentally, is also important because it marks the complete reversal of the position which obtained a year ago. With the United States holding out such a dire threat, the Japanese would naturally hasten to protect the positions referred to by Admiral Nimitz. And they are scattered all over the Pacific, thus requiring considerable resources for the purpose. But if, it is true, as it certainly seems to be, that the Japanese have lost too much in aircraft, naval strength and shipping to be able to support to major fronts, Admiral Nimitz and General MacArthur are between them affording the Allies the great opportunity of stinking at the Japs on the other front, that is, the Indo-Burma front.

Seeds To Ceylon

To The Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir,—We have yet to come across a worse instance of lack of co-ordination between two Government departments than the following. After much correspondence and some initial bungling on the part of the Department concerned, we were able to secure a statement from the Export Trade Controller, Bombay, who is the official vested by Government with the authority to grant export licenses, that there is no objection to the export of seeds for sowing and growing purposes by post parcel to Ceylon and that an export license is not necessary. A month after this the Postmaster General, Bombay, issues a letter in which he says that seeds for sowing and growing purposes to be sent to Ceylon are not exempt from an export license. On the strength of this fiat, Poona post offices have stopped accepting Ceylon (seed) parcels; parcels which had been accepted for dispatch are now coming back.

The waste and loss of energy, time, labour and money to the public apparently cause no concern to these departments. Each interprets existing Government regulations in its own way independently of the other. Where doubt exists, is it not business like that these Departments should consult each other or seek the guidance of some higher authority? Lack of co-ordination among the services in peace time is inexcusable; but in war time, when elimination of waste, and promptitude and a well-oiled, well-regulated Governmental machinery are the desiderata, it is nothing short of criminal!

—Yours, etc.,
PESTONJEE P. POCHA & SONS.

"Manners Please"

J. M. Bilimoria says: "It seems that the B.E.S.T. Co. insists on a certain standard of uncivility in its servants. Courtesy seems to be quite alien to their lips.

Now-a-days, some of the tram-drivers and conductors seem to be in a great hurry to finish their rounds—a fact which often makes one think whether these people are paid in proportion to the rounds they complete from Museum to Dadar or King's Circle and 'vice-versa.' At times the conductor seems to be in so great a hurry that he does not even allow the tram to come to a stand still, even if some passengers are to get down from or board the car, but he rings the bell which induces the driver to release the breaks so as to make the tram regain motion. This "Slow-and-Go" system, which the tramway-men have adopted now-a-days, often leads to quarrels between them and some passengers; and as a matter of fact, no one can convince the conductor that the conductor is wrong."

Prayers For Long Life Of Gandhiji

(From Our Correspondent)

VILE PARLE, March 1.

The suburban residents have been watching anxiously the developments of the three weeks of Gandhiji's fast; and prayers for his long life have been usual affairs every evening at Khar, Santa Cruz and Vile Parle.

On Sunday morning, Andheri public gathered together in large numbers to offer similar prayers.

The monthly flag-salutation ceremony at Vile Parle was held without any arrests being made so far.

Late on Sunday evening, a huge procession was taken out at Khar, shouting slogans to release Gandhiji and others.

Atlantic Charter And India

By K. T. SHAH

III*

There is yet another point in Article III of the Charter which has more than a germ of future trouble. The authors of the Charter respect the right of all peoples to choose the form of Government under which they would live. But what would happen if any people choose a form of Government which is in frank opposition to the ideals the Allies have accepted for post-war world reconstruction? Will they deny them the right they have so magniloquently announced? Would they compel any people,—e.g. the Germans or the Italians,—to fall into line,—by force if need be? Will non-conformity have no room in the new world?

Applied To India

The experience of this country deeply reinforces all these doubts, and strongly advises that the ambiguities in the Charter be cleared up as soon as possible. She has been nourishing ambitions for her national independence for a long time now. They have even been accepted, in principle and under stress of war, by the British Imperial Government. In substance, however, whenever opportunity has arisen, they have managed, on one or another pretext, to deny, it.

The Cripps Offer

Take the latest example, the Cripps offer, as an illustration. The internal differences, or conflicts of interests between the Indian people, coupled with the exigency of conducting hostilities, were made an excuse for withholding the right to full independence. Quick as a sunstroke the offer was cancelled leaving no time to any allied opinion to enquire if conflicts of interest in different classes were utterly absent in any other country, Britain included. To China and America they magnified a million fold the danger of leaving the conduct of war on the Indian front to mere politicians, even after the British experts had proved their organising genius and military ability in Burma or Malaya, in Crete and Singapore. With sanctimonious smugness, which only the British non-conformist conscience can command, they stressed to America the risk of our communal differences militating against the singleness of purpose in a mixed politicians' Government of independent India, without giving the latter the ghost of a chance to enquire if there were such communal differences in Burma also? And what was the British record in Burma?

Equal Opportunity For Trade

Assurance has also been given in the Charter (Article IV) that all states, large or small, victor or vanquished, will be given equal access to the trade and raw materials of the world, needed for their economic prosperity.

What Is A State?

Now, what does this equality of access to all states in regard to trade and raw materials mean? The term "State" has not been defined in the Charter. In fact the Charter uses the terms—country, people, state—quite indiscriminately. But assuming it to mean a political entity with sovereign powers, recognised in international intercourse as such, it is obvious that this is designed to reassure only those European Powers who are in great need of foodstuffs as well as raw materials for their industry.

Nemesis Of Economic Nationalism

Some of these, particularly the smaller ones, had found in the past many obstacles to their foreign commerce,—usually a nemesis of their own policy of intense economic nationalism,—copied by their neighbours or customers. The larger and more powerful amongst them,—also deficit units in point of food or raw materials of industry,—resorted to Imperialist exploitation of other countries; and, if that could not help, took to aggression upon their neighbours to make good the deficiency in their own natural endowment.

Herein lies a fruitful, perennial cause of War. This Article was consequently inserted simply to take away their urge for economic nationalism, exploitive Imperialism, or military aggression, by assuring them an adequate supply of food and raw materials to enable them to develop their own resources.

Plight Of Countries—Industrially Backward

But what about countries which are not deficient in their own local food supply, or raw materials of industry? They may have their own industrial possibilities which can use up all their available raw materials. Will they not have a primary, preferential, over-riding, claim on these their own raw materials? Or, must they be for ever denied the right to develop, with their own labour, their own industrial possibilities? Did the authors of the Charter consider it the foreordained destiny of such countries to be for ever the suppliers of foodstuffs and raw materials to the 'Herrenvolk' of Europe,—themselves remaining simply agricultural lands, providing an easy dumping ground for the industrial wares of the chosen peoples?

Lack Of Justice Or Equality

This needs but to be stated to expose the lack of a due sense of justice, and real equality of treatment to all peoples in the Charter. Countries like India or China, which may at present be largely producers of food stuffs or raw materials of industry, have their own legitimate ambitions for industrial development of their own resources to raise the subnormal standard of living now prevalent in those people. If, therefore, in the desire to take away from the deficit European countries an eternal cause of conflict by remedying their economic needs, a world policy is adopted, which precludes or obstructs hitherto undeveloped and impoverished countries from developing their own resources, would the causes of war have been effectively eliminated for ever? The only result would be that their virulence would be transplanted from the West to the East.

(To Be Continued.)

*Preceding articles appeared on 27th Feb. and 1st March.

DEAF AND DUMB BOY GETS YEAR'S RIGOROUS

FORTY-ONE CONVICTED IN TANJORE CASE: TWENTY-FIVE ORDERED DOZEN STRIPES EACH

TANJORE, Feb. 28.

Forty-one out of forty-four persons who stood charged in connection with the disturbances at Trivedi on August 13 last following a 'hartal' were convicted yesterday by a Special First Class Magistrate, Tanjore, under the D. I. R. and sentenced to various terms of rigorous imprisonment.

Five were sentenced to three years' rigorous imprisonment, twenty-two to two years' rigorous imprisonment, nine to one year's rigorous imprisonment and four to six months' rigorous imprisonment each. Twenty-five of these were ordered a dozen stripes each in addition. One in addition to imprisonment was fined Rs. 300 and two others were fined Rs. 200 each in addition to two years' rigorous imprisonment.

One deaf and dumb boy aged 17 was given one year's rigorous imprisonment.

Two including college students were acquitted and another was bound over for good behaviour for two years and released on own surety of Rs. 300 and two sureties for the like amount. —United Press.

BOMB EXPLOSION

SURAT: A crude bomb exploded in the Kanskivar locality. None was injured nor any damage caused.

A report from Nadiad says that Fatehsing Khodabhai and Shivabhai Dahyabhai have been sentenced to eight months' R.I. and fined Rs. 50 each on a charge of snatching away a mail bag from a postal runner.

Babu alias Abdul Satar has been sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 60, or in default to undergo two months' rigorous imprisonment under the Arms Act on a charge of possessing a 'Gupti' without licence.

Three houses and fifteen stacks of hay have been burnt down, says a report from Bhelad in Kathiawar.

The report adds that some bundles of hay were placed round the house of one Harising and the house set on fire. Villagers arrived at the spot and managed to bring Harising and his wife alive out of the burning house.

Several bundles of sugarcane were stolen from the field of a farmer at the village of Surka, says another report received from Savar Kundla.

According to information received from Dhandhuka a person has been arrested for alleged attack on a police constable.

EX-CONSTABLE ARRESTED

MAYAVARAM:—S. Natesa Pillai, a Congress worker of Puthur and an ex-police constable was arrested under D.I.R. on a charge of writing prejudicial letters to Government officials and remanded in jail custody.

'JANMABHOOMI' PRESS SET FREE

The Government of Bombay, having received assurances that the infringements of the orders for which the Janmabhoomi Mudranalaya was forfeited will not be repeated, has withdrawn its order forfeiting the press.

SEQUEL TO STABBING OF SUB-INSPECTOR

CALCUTTA:—About a dozen places in the city were searched by the special branch police today in connection with the stabbing incident that occurred yesterday, the victim being a Sub-Inspector of the Intelligence Branch Police. Following these searches, six persons were arrested under D.I.R.

TURKISH DELEGATION IN KARACHI

KARACHI, March 1.

The Turkish Press Delegation arrived in Karachi this evening from Gwalior on the conclusion of their tour of India.—A. P.

HAND OVER YOUR GUNS

KHUBRI:—The Deputy Commissioner of Goalpara has issued notices on 45 licence-holders asking them to hand over their guns and revolvers to the officer-in-charge of the nearest police station within 48 hours of the receipt of the notice.

POLICE OFFICER SENTENCED FOR TORTURING SUSPECT

LAHORE, March 1.

Syed Iqbal Hussan an Assistant Sub-Inspector of the Punjab Police, has been sentenced to nine months' R.I. by the Additional District Magistrate on a charge of torturing a suspect and causing his death.—A. P.

Clash In Dadar Mill

THREE WORKERS INJURED

BOMBAY, Monday.

To-day, at about 5 p.m., there was considerable commotion in a mill at Dadar, when workers of rival factions clashed. As a result of the fighting that ensued three workers, who received injuries, were removed to the hospital. The police were soon on the spot and brought the situation under control.

'QUAKE RECORD

CALCUTTA, March 1.

An earthquake shock of moderate intensity at its origin about 1,450 miles away was recorded by the Alipore seismographs at 19.29 hours (I.S.T.) yesterday. The epicentre is near about Hindukush.—A. P.

RENT RESTRICTION ORDER

Amendment Not Justified, Says President, Property Owners' Association

Mr. Abdul Rashman Mahomed Yusuf, President of the Property Owners' Association, interviewed regarding Rent Restriction Order under Rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules said:—

"In my opinion there was no necessity of amending the Rent Restriction order under Rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules controlling rents of premises of any type, residential or otherwise, because there was already first the Bombay Rent Restriction Act which controlled the rents of all premises residential or otherwise having the rent of Rs. 80 and under The benefit of this measure was protecting the poor and middle class tenants against any increase of rent. The measure was in force since 1939. But after the war started the rents of all residential premises having rents of Rs. 250 and under and godowns were controlled by the Rent Restriction Order dated 22nd April 1942, and 1st May, 1942, and the said orders were passed under Rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules. The order of 22nd April 1942 gave further protection to all tenants of middle class and a majority of higher class tenants occuping residential premises of Rs. 250 and under. Now coming to the new amendment I have to observe that it will have the effect of controlling the rent of big business concerns and rich class of tenants who could easily afford to pay a little higher rent looking to increased cost of upkeep and maintenance of properties, as traders and merchants are making huge profits in business due to war conditions.

In the circumstances in my opinion there is no justification in restricting rents of such premises. The basis of standard rents as they existed in 1940 September is no proper guide. Since then prices have risen high and the maintenance cost of premises have gone higher. Higher tenements reqpire better facilities which means more cost to property owners. In spite of this why this one sided protection. Government is utterly unjust to property owners. Atleast some increase should have been given to property owners for these increase in cost of maintenance. Now the Income and Super Tax has also increased. This will also reduce the fixed income of property owners. Why are Government so anathetic towards property owners."

TERRIBLE TOLL OF BENGAL CYCLONE

CALCUTTA, March 1.

In the Bengal Legislative Assembly today, Mr. P. N. Banerjee, Revenue Minister gave the official figures of the number of casualties resulting from the cyclone and flood in Midnapore district in October last. The actual number of persons killed was about 15,000 while the cattle casualties numbered 60,000.—A. P.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

LUCKNOW, Feb. 28.

In an appeal in connection with the Red Cross Week Sir Maurice Hallet says that the U. P. should aim at collecting Rs. 30 lakhs during the year 1943. He explained the reasons for collecting this amount.—A. P. I.

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You must have read in this paper, Field Marshal Smuts' view that Mahatma Gandhi is "moving immense masses of men along noble lines to a destiny which, in essence, is one with the high Christian ideal which the West has received but no longer seriously practises."

We don't know when and in what state of mental atrophy the South African Field Marshal said this. But it is, of course, all nonsense, in fact, extremely outrageous. As those great Christians, Sir Reginald Maxwell and Sir Richard Tottenham, have most conclusively proved—you will deny it at your peril—this alleged high-souled Indian is no more than a rebel against society and has also helped directly to put a disgraceful blot on the fair name of India.

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Apropos of the Budget. Anglo-India assures us that Sir Jeremy's "speech was well received in Bombay."

And it proceeds to prove the fact by giving the opinions of eight assorted authorities, at least five of whom are definitely critical.

You may find some contradiction in all this. But that is your own fault. Anglo-India has done its characteristic duty.

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Says a Reuter's message: "Following the new constitution the Government of Jamaica has announced the promotion of two coloured natives from the ranks of constabulary to sub-inspectorships. The appointments are the first in the history of the force."

Eh? Jamaica? What a question! It's, of course, in the British Empire. Where else could such sensational and revolutionary things happen as the promotion of no fewer than two coloured native constables to sub-inspectorships for the first time in the history of the force and in the history of British trusteeship over Jamaica?

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".....we are in a war to decide whether all our concepts of mercy and human decency are strong enough to survive."—President Roosevelt.

But—what and where are these concepts of mercy and human decency?

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"In the Axis nations", the President adds, "mercy and decency are regarded as synonyms for weakness and decadence."

Only in the Axis nations?

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MONDAY'S GREAT NEWS

The "non-stop" air blitz launched from Britain on Wednesday night still continues.

PROGRESS OF CITY RATIONING SCHEME

Knight Reviews Govt. Action: Public Holiday For Card Distribution

BOMBAY, Monday.

A meeting of the Food Advisory Council, Bombay, was held this afternoon at the Secretariat. Mr. H. F. Knight, Adviser to the Governor, presided.

NOT FOR CLERKS

Reviewing the action taken on the recommendations made by the Council at its previous meeting, the Chairman stated that in view of the somewhat easier food position in the city and of the introduction of rationing in the immediate future, Government did not propose to proceed with arrangements to supply foodgrains to clerical and menial employees of commercial establishments employing less than 50 clerks. He mentioned the appointment of a Special Presidency Magistrate to try offences under the Price Control Orders and the notification of the Government of India making confiscation of undeclared stocks possible. The Council was informed that a Press Note had been prepared summarising the existing orders with regard to the holding of stocks of foodgrains and their declaration, and that it would be issued as soon as possible.

The Chairman briefly informed the Council of the subjects of discussion and opinions expressed at the Food Conference held at New Delhi on February, 24 and 25.

ENUMERATION COMPLETED

After reviewing generally the food position in the city, the Chairman informed the Council that enumeration for the purpose of rationing was now complete, except as regards homeless persons who would be enumerated on a fixed day. He then explained the rationing scheme especially referring to the commodities to be rationed, the quantum of ration for everybody, the quantum of extra ration for manual labour and the method of distributing it, and the wholesale and retail distribution arrangements under rationing. The Council approved the proposal to introduce rationing and recommended that the distribution of Ration Cards should be done through Municipal agency as early as possible, and that, if necessary, public holidays might be declared for that purpose.

The next meeting of the Council was fixed for Wednesday (March 3) at 5-30 p.m.—A.P.

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ENEMY MINE WASHES ASHORE ON INDIAN SOIL

It was large, black and round, smooth and glistening. Also it was made of metal. The villagers were delighted at their find. It had curious projections with which they tried to haul it up the beach.

But they were in deadly peril every moment that they stood nearby. For the object was no ordinary piece of flotsam washed up by the tide.

It was an enemy mine, full of high explosive, that could have killed everything within 5.0 yards. In this case the villagers' luck was in—it did not explode.

This incident, which occurred somewhere on India's coast, illustrates the need for caution in dealing with anything that might be washed up. Don't go near it. Don't take risks. Tell the nearest authorities, who will arrange for it to be examined by experts.

In this instance an officer of the Royal Indian Navy was soon on the spot, and further danger was averted.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

TUESDAY, MARCH 2.

Delhi I—Programme

5 p.m. Lachhi Ram. 5-10 Anwar Bai. 5-20 Amir Khan 5-40 Mukhtar Begam: 5-55 Filmi gane. 6-5 Habib Ali Khan. 6-45 Recitation. 6-50 Mukhtar Begam. 7 Kitabon ki baten. 7-15 Habib Ali Khan. 7-30 Will they survive—5. 7-45 For villagers only. 8-30 Anwar Bai. 8-40 West meets east. 8-45 Jangnama. 9-30 B B C news. 9-45 Habib Ali Khan. 10 Lachhi Ram: 10-5 Baharan. 10-15 Darbari: 10-25 Lachhi Ram: 10-30 Mukhtar Begam. 10-40 Lachhi Ram. 10-45 Anwar Bai.

Bombay I—Programme

8 a.m. Clarionet recital 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-30 Feroze Nizami. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Ratikumar Vyas. 9-20 Gokuli Bai Kakodkar 9-40 Marathi Bhavgeets. 9-50 Bhanu A. Charankar. 12-30 p.m. Sindhi Music. 1 Marathi music. 1-30 News in English. 1-40 Lunch-hour music. 4-20 School broadcasts. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 Kesar Bai Bandodkar. 5-30 Ratikumar Vyas. 5-40 Bhanu A. Charankar. 6-50 Kesar Bai Bandodkar. 7 A Nazi's diary. 7-15 Ramchandra Pai. 7-30 Hamid Husain: 7-45 News in Marathi. 7-55 News in Gujarati. 8-5 Feroz Nizami. 8-20 In the news 8-25 Music. 8-30 "Democracies in peace and war". 8-45 Jangnama. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 Marthe Naidu: 9-55 Bombay male quartette. 10-15 Vera Da Silva. 10-30 Interlude. 10-35 Hilda Flanders.

Bombay II—Programme

8 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Instrumental melodies. 8-15 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1 8-50 Ramchandra Pai. 9-5 Thumri Bhatravin. 9-10 to 10 As in Bombay 1.

12-30 to 2-30 p.m. As in Bombay 1.

4-20 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Gokuli Bai Kakodkar. 8-5 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Kesar Bai Bandodkar. 9-20 Ratikumar Vyas. 9-25 Bhanu A. Charankar. 9-40 Ramchandra Pai. 9-50 Gokuli Bai Kakodkar. 10-10 Instrumental duet: 10-20 Feroz Nizami.

Subtle Scheme To Oust Indian Traders

OBJECT BEHIND EAST AFRICAN TEXTILE MONOPOLY CORPORATION

The Hon. Secretary of the Africa Shippers' Association in the course of a letter, accompanying the memorandum submitted to the Government of India says:

The pre-occupation consequent upon the war time economic upheavels experienced by the Indian mercantile communities in India deters them from devoting their attention to the happenings affecting their trade directly or indirectly beyond their own sphere of activities.

The question of the establishment of a monopolistic corporation on the lines of the U. K. C. C. in East Africa similarly escaped their notice until recently when my Association took up the question and brought same to the attention of the public.

The rise in textile prices in particular has up to now been attributed to the huge volume of exports and it is being advocated by some mills and commercial bodies to put a brake on uncontrolled exports.

Looking to [illegible] and the buying power of Indian masses it is obvious that some solution must be arrived at in order to help the needful poorer masses obtain cloth at cheaper rates, while on the other hand India cannot afford to lose whatever chances Providence has bestowed upon her to open new markets in the world, while maintaining the old ones as a post-war constructive economy.

The position of East Africa in the post-war Indian economy as the only prospective outlet is so unique that no commercial or political body can afford to neglect and ignore the necessity of maintaining trade relations now with that country, which though situated overseas, is just a part and parcel of India, or in other words, can be called an Indian Colony, because of the presence of about 200,000 Indians including some 25,000 traders who are so interwoven with the fabric of African life that their existence has become indispensable for the welfare of the Africans, as they have played a most prominent part in lighting the Dark Continent. This fact has been recognized by all British statesmen who have visited that country, including our present Prime Minister Mr. Winston Churchill as also a military authority like the late Lord Kitchner.

It was after the outbreak of the present war that India has become the source of supplies for other countries while the case with East Africa is quite different inasmuch as she has been commercially connected with India since a considerable time, and has been solely dependent on supplies from India not only of Cotton Textiles but of foodstuffs and other commodities as well; and therefore, we cannot exclude her from the orbit of our economical activities.

The position of the Indian trader in East Africa has been that of an orphan due to the fact that all measures either political or economic, are framed under the pressure of the European settlers, whose interests only are taken into consideration. They wield such tremendous influence over the destiny of the whole territory that every Indian view point is being systematically suppressed in the legislatures and there is no high commissioner nor even a trade commissioner who can safeguard Indian interests.

After the outbreak of the war, many regulations have come into force which upto now have been operating to the detriment of the Indian commercial community, who has always tried its utmost to co-operate with the authorities, having the welfare of the Africans at heart.

Recently a revised price control regulation has come into force which to all intents and purposes solely applies to the Indian traders who are scattered all over the African hinterland to the remotest corners where no white men dares set foot.

I take the liberty to reproduce the remarks of a learned Magistrate (Mr. Warren Wright) who in a recent judgment testifies to the above statement.

The Magistrate says:—

"In six cases under the Price Control Regulations brought before me as a Magistrate since I came to Mombasa, I have had to throw out five of them. In one of those five cases I indicated that in my opinion the case should never have been brought. In the one case in which I have convicted I now think that I made a mistake in the law which I applied to the case."

The foregoing will convince everyone that Indian trader is ekeing out a living under monstruous handicaps unknown elsewhere.

Not having been satisfied with these and many similar stringent measures, the Governor of Kenya now, after his discussions with the Secretary of State for the Colonies, proposes some innovations to stifle the Indian trade channels as will be seen from the following extract from his speech in the Kenya Legislative Council dated 12th November last, after his arrival in Kenya from London. He said:

"My discussions with the Secretary of State and his advisers ranged over a wide field and I venture to hope that in the course of them I was able to give him a clearer insight into our local problems..... This will no doubt involve some modifications in its (East Africa Supply Council) present composition and both the form which it should ultimately take and the powers which it should exercise will be among the important questions on which we are being called upon to deliberate.....On the question of wartime control generally and Price Control in particular it is obvious that our object cannot be achieved without some dislocation of existing channels of trade and some inconvenience or even hardship to individual traders and consumers."

Before the speech in question was delivered in the Legislature, a move for a monopolist corporation to import cotton textiles from India, (which is the only trade left in the hands of the Indian Trader) by the Economic Adviser to the Governors of East Africa, was already afoot, and the above words prove the motive behind the scheme.

His Excellency himself admits that the existing trade channels will be dislocated by such a move and will entail hardships on not only the trading community but consumers as well.

The memorandum will enlighten the reader as to the hollowness of the arguments put forward by the promoters of the corporation scheme.

In circulating this memorandum to the members of the Central Legislature and other public men and bodies, irrespective of their political creeds, my Association hopes to enlist their unequivocal support in the cause of our Overseas compatriots as well as of the exporters and millowners together with innumerable middlemen whose prosperity is bound up with the maintenance of the present export channels.

I appeal to all who have post-war economic reconstruction of our country at heart, to move immediately in the matter to stop the Governments of East Africa from proceeding ahead with this subtle scheme, which is bound to react adversely on the Overseas trade of India.

The Government of India through the Hon. Overseas and Commerce Members have assured the deputation of my Association which was led by Mr. Husseinbhoy A. Laljee, M.L.A. (Central) of their sympathetic support. But unless they are backed by popular opinion both outside and inside the Legislature, the urgency of the problem may not be driven home to the higher authorities to lend a helping hand in stopping such a sinister move which seems to have been tackly endorsed by the colonial office.

My Association thanks all those bodies who have already registered their protest with the Government of India but expects vigorous support from all organisations commercial or otherwise who may still be unaware of the dangers inherent in the move of the East African Governments depriving many thousands of Indians of their lawful and legitimate living.

Carrier And 4 Destroyers Launched

Americans Out To Wrest Jap Positions In Pacific, Says Nimitz

CAMDEN, (New Jersey) March 1.

Aircraft carrier 'Monterey' was launched today, Sunday. It is the fifth aircraft carier to be launched by the New York Shipbuilding Corporation in six months.

Four destroyers were launched at Karney on Sunday. z

This was the third quadruple launching at the Federal Ship Building Dry Dock Company in the last ten months

AMERICAN DRIVE IN PACIFIC READY

The Commander-in-Chief of the United States Pacific fleet, Admiral Nimitz indicated on Sunday that American naval might in the Pacific is about ready to undertake a drive for positions from which Japanese industrial centres can be brought under direct and devastating attack.

"We are now at cross roads in the Pacific campaign" he said in a radio broadcast.

RAW MATERIALS AFTER WAR

The Vice-Chairman of the War Production Board in a statement issued in Washington on Sunday said, "The Combined Raw Materials Board on which Britain and the United States are both represented, may help to solve the world-wide scramble for raw materials after the War"

ROOSEVELT ALMOST NORMAL

WASHINGTON, March 1.

President Roosevelt reported on Sunday to be "much improved and almost back to normal."—Reuter.

No Easy Way Out For Germans. Says Attlee

MANCHESTER, March 1.

A new warning to the Germans was given by the Dominions Secretary Mr. C R Attlee, speaking at Ashton Underlyne on Sunday. "We have never declared or desired the extermination of the German people, but in the light of the barbarous ferocity with which the Germans are, as a deliberate act of policy, exterminating the Poles and Jews in occupied countries and deliberately wiping out those elements in subjected nations which are the spear-point of national resistance, there can be no easy way out for the Germans."—Reuter.

ENGLISH OR FRENCH TELEGRAMS ALLOWED IN SPANISH MOROCCO

A telegraph notification states that the administration of Spanish zone Morocco notifies that private telegrams in plain English or French are permitted. No codes are alloowed. The signature consisting of surname of the sender is obligatory.—A. P.

Controlled Prices Of Foodstuff

The following are the Controlled and Fair Retail Prices of articles of Foodstuffs in Bombay City published by the Controller of Prices, Bombay:—

	per	payle Rs.	a.	p.
Wheat	..	1	0	0
Burman rice (excluding Ekreen Fegam and Super Sugandhi)	....	0	11	9
Bezwada Kusma	.....	0	12	0
Thana rice, Ordinary Jiresal or Kasnya	.....	1	0	0
Zinia Surti Kolumb or Nawabi Kolumb	.....	1	3	0
Kolaba rice all varieties except Patni and Badas	.....	0	15	3
Jowar	.....	0	12	0
Bajri Kalpi	.....	0	12	0
Bajri other qualities	.....	0	11	3
Bajri Red quality	.....	0	10	0
Indian Sugar	.....	2	lbs. 6	6
Wimco Matches—50 Sticks	..... per	2	boxes 1	0
Kerosene oil-Retail shop price	.....	1/4	gallon 4	6
Kerosene Intinerant dealer or hawker	.....	0	5	0

The following fair prices (based on average wholsale quotations for week ending 20th February 1943) :—

	per	payle
Gram (Banda)	.....	0 14 0
Masur dal (Superior)	.....	0 14 3
Gram dal	.....	1 1 3
Turda (Cawnpore dry) (new)	.....	1 5 0
Tur dal (Cawnpore dry) (old)	.....	1 4 6
Tur dal (Surti oiled) (new)	.....	1 8 0
Tur dal (Surti oiled) (old)	.....	1 4 9
		per lb.
Ghee (Porbundar)	.....	1 12 0
Butter (Polson's) in Tin	.....	1 8 0
Cocoanut oil	.....	0 8 0
Groundnut oil	.....	0 6 0
Mutton (Sheep and Goat 1st class)		0 7 0
		per dozen
Eggs (Hen's Graded Agmark)	.....	0 14 0
Eggs Ungraded	.....	0 13 0
Pork 1st sort (Stamped 'P-1')	.....	0 14 0
		per lb.
Beef 1st sort (Cow-stamped 'C-1')		0 4 6
Potatoes (Indian)	.....	0 1 9
Onions	.....	0 0 9
		per quarter
Charcoal	.....	1 4 0

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Karachi Sadar, 10/1, Fowler Lines.
Campbellpore, Opposite Supply Depot.
Ludhiana, Sheepshank Road.
Quetta, c/o The Administrative, Commandant.
Hyderabad, Bungalow No. 12, Near Bhai Band Club.
Sialkot, Kachery Road, Krishna Lodge, Near Bhed Nala Bridge.
EASTERN AREA.
Lucknow, Hazratganj
Delhi, No. 1, Lothian Road, Kashmere Gate.
Calcutta, 3, May Road, Hastings.
Narayanganj, Tan Bazar Rd.
Patna, Exhibition Road.
SOUTHERN AREA.
Bangalore, Cornwallis Barracks, Trinity Road.
Pudupet, Pudupet Lines,
Madras, Mount Road.
Coimbatore, Trichy Road.
Trichinopoly, Madura Road.
Trivandrum, Bhagat Bldg., Railway Station Road.
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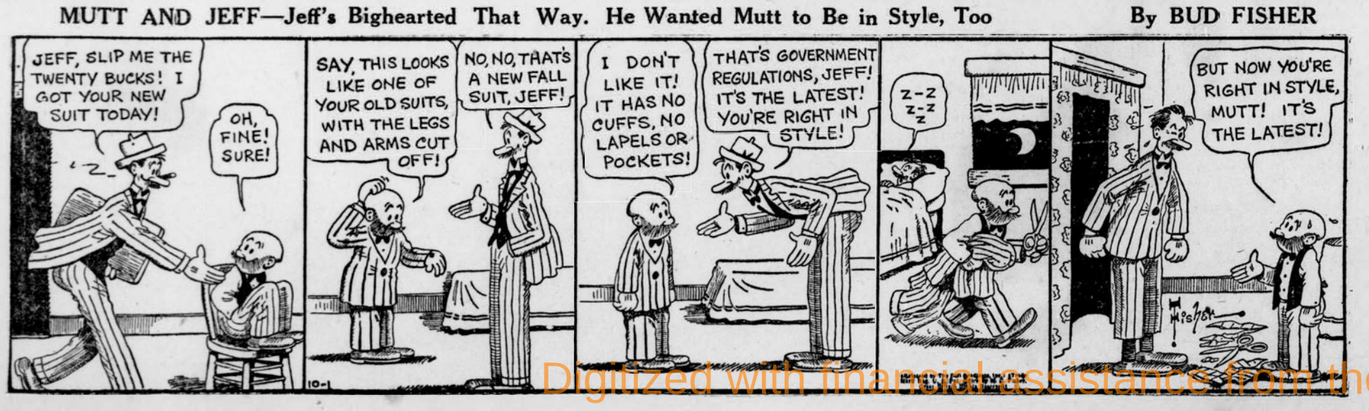
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Reds Make Further Headway In Direction Of Dneiper

Stubborn Enemy Resistance Overcome: More Localities Occupied

LONDON, March 1.

In his morning despatch, Reuter's Special Correspondent in Moscow states: Soviet troops smashing forward west of Kharkov made further headway in the direction of the Dneiper during the night.

The midday communique reporting this advance said that they occupied "several inhabited localities" in one sector and forged ahead after overcoming "stubborn enemy resistance" in another. No placenames were given but these gains evidently indicate intensification of the Soviet threat to Poltava, the important railway centre about half-way between Kharkov and Remenchug on the Dneiper.

COUNTER-ATTACK REPELLED

About 120 miles to the north the Russians have captured several more places west of Kursk, presumably on the way to Lgov on the railway to the Konotop junction for Kiev. German troops in one sector of this front launched a counterattack which was repulsed. The Germans have put in yet another unsuccessful counter-attack in the great armoured and infantry battle raging in the Donetz basin. The Luftwaffe has been ordered to the rescue of the Germans fighting to save Orel, the only remaining bastion of the main German defence line in southern Russia. Whole flights of German planes are constantly appearing over the battle-field.

Gen. Golikov's Red Army men are meeting with stiffer German resistance as they push west across the northern Ukraine. In spite of persistent German counter-attacks the Russians continue to advance towards the Chernigov and Poltava provinces.

INHABITED LOCALITIES OCCUPIED

MOSCOW: The supplement to the Soviet communique states west of Rostov Soviet troops exchanged fire with the Germans. Their artillery and mortars destroyed several dozen blockhouses and strongpoints, and silenced three artillery batteries. Sixteen German aircraft were brought down.

In the area south-west of Voroshilovgrad one unit repulsed a German counter-attack. Soviet troops pursued the Germans and occupied one inhabited locality. West of Kharkov, Soviet troops continued their offensive engagements and occupied several inhabited localities. Booty was captured including 23 lorries with war material. West of Kursk Soviet troops continued their offensive operations and occupied several inhabited localities. In one sector Soviet troops captured five artillery dumps and many stores with food supplies.

TWO AXIS BATTALIONS WIPED OUT

Last night's Soviet communique states, "During February 28 our troops continued offensive engagements in the same directions as before.

During the week ending February 27; 168 German planes were destroyed in air combat and on enemy aerodromes. Our losses in the same period were 87 planes.

The communique adds that two Axis battalions were wiped out when Soviet troops captured a town east of Kursk.

"RUSSIANS HAVE WON GREATEST BATTLE OF HISTORY"

The Russian offensive is a "stupendous military operation", says the "Daily Express" in a leader to-day.

"In all the history of the world there never has been a battle to compare with the Russian offensive launched on Stalingrad sector on the day of November 19, 1942.

Before now the course of world history has been determined by encounters of mere handfuls of men But here was a clash of arms to match in its scale the immensity of the issues at stake.

For us the most remarkable feature must be the sheer skill of the Russian High Command in all complex problems which a war of these dimensions creates.

Each Russian success was turned into a bait tempting the enemy to take new risks against his better judgment.

The greatest battle in history has been won. But it continues."

Hitler's Secret Message To Mussolini

LONDON, March 1.

The German Radio to-day disclosed that Herr von Ribbentrop was in Rome on Herr Hitler's orders from February 24 to 28. Ribbentrop handed Sgr. Mussolini on February 25 a personal message from Hitler

LONDON: The official announcement says that the conversations which were held in an atmosphere of "sincere cordiality and spirit of friendship uniting the Fuehrer with the Duce" resulted in complete agreement of views.

Count Ribbentrop returned to Germany on Sunday to report to Hitler on his mission.—Reuter.

EXECUTED FOR SABOTAGE

STOCKHOLM, March 1.

Seventeen Norwegians sentenced by a German police court in Oslo have been executed it was reported here on Sunday night.

The men were accused of "sabotage and activity in favour of the enemy."—Reuter.

CARDINAL HINSLEY ILL

LONDON: Cardinal Hinsley passed a restless night. The slight improvement has not been maintained.—Reuter.

HALF LAKH FOR BIJAPUR RELIEF

POONA, March 1.

As a token of their veneration and affection for Gandhiji and in symbolic consideration of the fast undertaken by him the Bombay Stock Exchange have collected a fund of Rs. 50,000 for the relief of people and cattle, says a report received here.

Out of this amount Rs. 25,000 has already been sent to Bijapur for the relief of the famine-stricken people and cattle.

HUQ'S GLOOMY FOREBODINGS

Bengal Premier On Future Food Situation

CALCUTTA, Mar. 1.

The decision to appoint a Minister to deal with Civil Supplies only was announced by Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, Chief Minister, in the course of a debate on a cut motion in the Bengal Assembly to-day. The Minister, he added, would be assisted by a small committee of representative character.

Referring to the situation regarding food and other supplies the Chief Minister said: "The situation in the country is so very serious that personally I have got gloomy forebodings for the future. It is, therefore, necessary that some steps should be taken which may avert a catastrophe".—United Press.

POLICE OFFICIAL SHOT DEAD

PESHAWAR, March 1.

At dead of night the village of Lal Mirahmadshah and its neighbouring localities in Bannu district resounded with firing between police and a party of outlaws. One sub-inspector of police named Majid Ali and two cutlaws are reported to have been shot dead.—A. P.

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R.I.N. COASTAL CRAFTS SCORE

Two Armed Enemy Launches Destroyed

NEW DELHI, March 1.

Over 50 Japanese soldiers were killed and a number captured in a naval action off Ramree Island on the night of February 26, says an India Command Joint War Communique. Coastal craft of the Royal Indian Navy engaged two armed enemy launches which were heavily loaded with troops and ammunition. One of these was blown up and sunk and the other was left in a sinking condition.

For several weeks past our Kachin Levies, operating in Mukawng valley and north of Myitkyina have been consciously successful in ambushing small parties of Japanese on patrol and harassing communications between enemy outposts.

JAP TROOPS TRAPPED

Attempts by the enemy to bring the levies to direct action have been successfully evaded and have on several occasions resulted in Japanese troops being led into traps.

The degree of loss and damage inflicted on the Japanese by this guerilla activity is confirmed by the latest enemy action which amounts to advance in force northwards from Myitkyina towards Sumprabum.

Our levies are maintaining contact and continues to report successful skirmishes with enemy forward patrols.

ENEMY TARGETS BOMBED

Yesterday February 28, formations of R. A. F. Blenheims escorted by fighters bombed Magyichaung in enemy occupied Burma. Many hits were observed in the target areas and fires were left burning. A force of enemy fighters attempted to intercept the Blenheims but were prevented from doing so by our Hurricanes.

On Friday night, February 26, our bombers attacked objectives at Akyab and Mychaung. Many bursts were seen on the targets and some large fires were started.

From these and other operations two of our aircraft are missing.—A. P.

R. A. F. Attack On Burma

NEW DELHI, Mar. 1.

Heavy bombers of the 10th U. S. Air Force on February 27th attacked the Pazundaung Railroad Bridge North of Rangoon, says a "communique" of the Rear Echelon Headquarters, United States Army Forces, China, Burma and India.

Bombs were seen to straddle the target and at least two near hits were reported but the extent of damage is not known.

Yesterday fighters armed with bombs and machine-guns attacked targets in Northern Burma. At Tiangzup a bridge was destroyed

From these operations all of our aircraft returned safely.—A. P.

ALLIED AIRCRAFT GAINS IN FEBRUARY

NEW DELHI, March 1.

February has been another busy and successful month for Allied aircraft operating against the Japanese from bases in India. Between them the R.A.F. and 10th U.S.A.A.F., have carried the attack to the enemy on every day of the month, and on many of the nights and at present they have certainly achieved air superiority over most of Western Burma.

Enemy opposition has been ineffective and on a small scale. On no occasion did Japanese fighters prevent our bombers from reaching their objective. In the course of offensive operations on 26 days and 19 nights our losses were nine aircraft. At least four enemy fighters were destroyed.

The worst air defeat the Japanese received during the month was on the morning of February 25 when a strong formation of their bombers escorted by fighters attacked American aerodromes in Assam.

Owing to the nature of the country it may be some time before the full extent of their losses is known but reports so far received indicate the destruction of eight bombers and six fighters of the raiding force as well as many others were severely damaged. The American fighters which intercepted the enemy returned safely to their bases.—A. P.

Budget Reactions:

INDUSTRIES WILL BE HANDICAPPED

CALCUTTA, March 1.

"In view of the already high taxation existing at present, the proposal to raise surcharge on Income-tax above Rs. 5,000 and Super-tax and Corporation Tax will handicap expansion of industries and prevent existing industries from making any provision for post-war depression", say the Committee of the Indian Chamber of Commerce, in a telegram to the Government of India on the Central Budget proposals.

They add that in addition to exempting incomes upto Rs. 5,000 from additional surcharge, the taxable limit should also be raised to Rs. 2,500 from Rs. 1,500. The duty on vegetable products was too high. The Committee felt that the sum of about 8-1/2 crores expected from these two heads could easily have been borrowed.—A. P.

Scarcity In Bagewadi Taluka

The Government of Bombay has declared the existence of a state of scarcity in 55 villages in the Bagewadi Taluka of Bijapur District.

Hyderabad Qualify For Final In Ranji Trophy

SECUNDERABAD, March 1.

Hyderabad qualified to meet Baroda in the finals of the Ranji Cricket Tournament by defeating Indore by 187 runs.—A. P.

In N. Africa

Allies Capture Feriana

Mines And Booby Traps Being Cleared

LONDON, March 1.

Reuter's special correspondent in North Africa says that Feriana is now in Allied hands.

Reuter's special correspondent with the First Army in Tunisia cables:—American engineers entered Feriana 23 miles south-west of Kasserine on Saturday. They are now busy clearing mines and booby traps left by the fleeing Axis forces. No contact is reported with the retreating Germans.—Reuter.

AXIS PATROLS WIPED OUT IN OUSSELTIA

Over 500 German Prisoners Taken

LONDON, March 1.

A 'communique' from French headquarters in North Africa on Sunday states: There was lively activity in the front of Medjes El Bab. After the battle reported in the previous 'communique' more than 150 German prisoners were taken by French troops.

In coastal region African free corps in a brilliantly executed counter-attack, took 350 prisoners. Allied losses were light.

In lively encounters, which all resulted in Allies' favour, in the Ousseltia plain numerous Axis patrols were wiped out.

Axis transport was almost continuously rounded by aircraft from early morning to late night on Saturday, says Reuter's special correspondent on the Tunisian front. Hurricane bombers and Spitfires made a record number of sorties for a single day's operations. One squadron leader after the raid described the roads blocked by wrecked transport and huge craters.

West of Mateur 100 vehicles, including staff cars and about 20 tents, were caught bumper to bumper."

Enemy Attacks Repulsed

Allied Headquarters, North Africa:—The Allied communique today states: "In Southern Tunisia our patrols yesterday continued their advance from the Kasserine Pass and towards Sbeitla without meeting with any opposition from the enemy. In the north the enemy continued his attacks generally on a reduced scale. North-east of Beja further attacks on our positions continued to-day, the enemy throwing in tanks and infantry in an effort to pierce our positions. These attaks were in every case thrown back, the enemy suffering heavy losses, both in men and tanks.

In the Gabes area our fighter bombers continued their heavy attacks on enemy landing grounds and troop concentrations. One enemy fighter was destroyed, and it is now known that another was destroyed in previous operations in this area.

Flying fortresses bombed objectives at Cagliari in Sardinia. Hits were observed on ships, on docks and warehouses and on the railroad yard.—Reuter.

Germans Push Four Miles Beyond Sidi Nsir

LONDON: Reuter's Special Correspondent with the American forces at Allied headquarters in North Africa says:—

Yesterday the Germans pushed four miles beyond Sidi Nsir.

Sidi Nsir lies about midway between Beja and Mateur in the northern sector. The German advance puts them some 15 miles short of Beja. Another five Axis thrusts have been entirely repulsed, or have grown so feeble that they no longer offer any serious threat to the Allied positions in the north. In their thrust towards Beja the Germans threw in fresh tanks and infantry. Here, as in other areas in the northern sector, the situation is causing Allied troops little or no worry. There is complete confidence that the situation is under control. The attacks have cost Rommel many tanks and large numbers of men who, according to all reports, have been mainly Italian.

American and British troops advancing south and east from Kasserine are meeting no resistance from the retreating German forces which are hurrying back to their original lines in the direction of Gafsa and Sbeitla. The ground gained by the Allies has not been officially reckoned but we are keeping up constant pressure on the enemy's rearguard.—Reuter.

Rs. 15 Crores For Sind Development

KARACHI, March 1

The United Press learns that the Government of Sind have prepared a project for the irrigational development of the Province at a cost of about Rs. 15 crores.

The project is receiving close consideration of the Government experts, and with the contributions from the Punjab Government as recommended by the Indus Enquiry Commission the work will be taken in hand.—United Press.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON

JULY

New York, March 1.

Previous closing	20.03
To-day's opening	19.96
Difference	—07

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, March 1.

Previous closing	4.03

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, March 1

To-day's opening and closing 4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers.

LONDON MARKETS

GOLD

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

SILVER

Spot and Forward 23 1/2d.

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay 1-5 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers.

New York on Bombay (30.37) 30.37

DISCOUNTS

3 months 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent.
6 months 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

SEEDS

Castorseeds Bombay March/April £34 3/4
Linseed Calcutta March/April £24 1/2
Groundnut Coromandal March/April East Coast Indian shipment £33 1/2. West Coast Indian shipment £34 1/2

METALS

Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, March 1.

New York Stock Exchange opening rates:
General Motors dol 48 5/8
Anaconda Copper Mining dol 28 1/2
U. S. Steel Common dol 53 3/4
U. S. Steel Preference dol 116 1/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, March 1.

The London Stock Exchange was steady.

LOANS

3 per cent Australian Commonwealth £102
2 1/2 per cent British Consols £82 1/16
3 per cent Conversion Loan £105 5/8
3 per cent Conversion Loan £100 9/16
4 per cent War Loan £115 1/2
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £105 5/16
3 per cent War Loan £102 9/16
4 per cent Victory Bonds £113 11/16

SHARES

Standard Motors 23-9
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 48-0
Electric Music Industry 21-0
Princhin Johnson 30-0
Imperial Chemical 38-6
Woolsworth Ordinary 69-9
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £77 1/2
Dunlop Rubber 34-6
Unilever Ordinary 34-9
Ford Motors 30-9
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £75 1/4
British American Tobacco Ordy £4 15/16 Ex. Div.
Carreas 'A' £6 3/16
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £7 1/2
P and O Defd 30-9
Distillers 85-9
Bredford Dyers 14-7 1/2
British Celanese 15-10 1/2
J and P Coates 42-6
Courtaulds Ordinary 47-0 Ex Div.
Fine Cotton Spinners 15-10 1/2
Vickers Limited Ordinary 19-7 1/2
Inter Nickels dol 51 1/2
Indian Iron 50-0
Assam Tea 20-0
Donaro Tea 34-0
Empire Tea 17-0
Barnagore Jute £7
Anglo-Dutch Rubber 13-10 1/2
Gula Kelampong 10-3
Rubber Plant 16-9
Nandydrug Mines £20
Burma Corporation 5-4 1/2
Rio Tintos £13
East Rand Properties £1 13/16
Rand Mines £6 3/4
Crown Mining £8 1/16
Associated Portland Cement 57-6
Trinidad Leasehold 73-9
Sub-Nigel £5 15/16
Spring Mines Split Shares £0 7/8
Union Corporation 143-9
Venezuela Persian Oil 34-4 1/2
Anglo-India 86-10 1/2
Burma Oil £2 15/16
Mexican Eagle 10-1 1/2
Shell Transport £3 11/32
Royal Dutch £25
Great Western Railway Ordinary £59 1/2
London Midland Railway Ordinary £30 7/8
London North Eastern Defd £4 3/8
London Southern Defd £22
London Transport 5 per cent £130
London Transport 'C' £54 1/4

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, March 1.

LONDON—
Banks buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 9/32 Two Months.
Banks buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 5/16 Three Months
Banks buying 90 Days/St 1/6 5/16 Four Months.
B C Rates T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/5 1/32 D D 1/5 5/32

LONDON/NEW YORK—
Banks selling T T Rs 332 3/4 D D Rs 332 3/4
Banks buying T T Rs 329 1/2 D D Rs 326 1/2

LONDON/MONTREAL—
Banks selling T T Rs 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs 297 3/4 D D Rs. 294 3/4

LONDON/BERNE—
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4
Banks buying Fcs 131 1/2

LONDON/STOCKHOLM—
Banks selling T T K 123 D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128 D D K 128

MEXICO/LONDON—
Banks selling T T Rs 67.27 D D Rs 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs 63.04 D D Rs 62.04

LISBON/LONDON—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nom D D Esc 7.35 nom
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55 nom D D Esc 7.55

AUSTRALIA/LONDON—
Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8 D D 1/10 3/8
Banks buying T T — D D 1/11 3/8
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady Dull.
Gold £8-8-0 Ready
New York Silver 44 3/4
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready. 23 1/2 Forward
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call one and two months 1/4 per cent.
3 to 9 months 1/2 per cent.
10 to 12 months 3/4 per cent.
Tone:—Better enquiry.

Madras Stock Exchange

MADRAS, March 1.

Madras Stock Exchange closing rates:—
Sugars and Breweries: Deccan Big 250; Deccan Small 60/8; India Sugar 12/4; Mysore Sugar 60; South India 12; Travancore 15.
Plantings: Cochin Malabar 15/8; Chembra Peaks cd 10/8; Coorg 61; Coltanad 14; High Produce 23; Kalpettas 42/8; Kalasa 14/2; Malankra 82; Nellimpathy Hills 5/11; Ouchterlony 12; Peermade 44/8; B Periakaramalai 24/12; Rajagiri 16/12; Travancore 24/12; Thamaralally 20/8; Udeyagiri 17; Vaikundam 17/10; Vellitam 35.
Textiles: Bangalore Wol. 365; B and C ord 310; Cambodia 35/8; Coimbatore Pioneer 440; Coimbatore C M cd 325; Dhanalaxmi 625; Kaleeswarar 615; Jothari Tex 27/8; Lakshmi O 250; Lakshmi New 127/8; Mysore Spun xr 29/12; Mettur 310; Madura 62/8; Pankaja 325; Rajalakshmi 332; Radhakrishna 465; Rangavilas 182; Sitaram Spg 170; Vasantha 330.
Miscellaneous: Andhra Cement 85; Buntons 12/14; Indian St. Roll 7/6; Mysore Lamps cd 24/12; Mysore Chem and Fert. 24/6; Mysore Paper 21/10; Mettur Chem cr 23/14; Mettur Defds cr 7/14; Ingareni 10/6; Spencer 8/2.

Japs Heading For Lushui

CHUNGKING, March 1.

A Chinese Communique says that Japanese on the Burma Road are advancing northward along the west bank of the river Salween, heading for Lushui.

In the south Japanese forces in the eastern Shan States are advancing eastward of Chengkang.—Reuter.

RELIGION KEPT OUT OF EDUCATION

Chinese Mission Head On People's Initiative In Fighting Illiteracy

NEW DELHI, March 1.

Addressing press correspondents in Delhi as "the throats and tongues of the people of India" Dr. Y. H. Ku, leader of the Chinese Educational Mission said:

"It is our hope that henceforth the 800 million people of India and China will dedicate themselves to the task of promoting cultural solidarity through mutual exchange of knowledge and experiences to the fullest extent. Our two peoples must understand each other fully and co-operate with each other whole-heartedly, if universal brotherhood is to be a reality on this side of the Pacific.

AND PEOPLE DO IT.

Replying to questions, Dr. Ku explained that the object of the Chinese Ministry of Education was to wipe out illiteracy by what was called "people's education" which comprised compulsory education for children and adult education. The plan was to have one public school for each "Pao" that is to say a unit of some 100 or 150 families. At present there was something like one public school for three Paos. Recently, he said, the people themselves had taken the initiative and had raised funds and got their own teachers to carry out the plan for the spread of education. Higher secondary schools and universities gave military training as a compulsory subject, laying emphasis mainly on discipline and physical culture.

China had succeeded in separating education from religion, so that in all her 40 universities, 45 independent colleges, 50 technical schools and hundreds of secondary and other schools, no denominational subjects were taught, nor were there institutions meant only for one religious group or other.

TURKISH PRESS MISSION FOR KARACHI

GWALIOR, March 1.

The members of the Turkish Press Mission arrived here from Delhi this morning by the Peshawar Express 'en route' to Turkey. During their stay here of a few hours some of the members went around sight seeing. The Mission left for Karachi by air in the afternoon.—A. P.

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, Mar. 1.

There was no trading in the ring but privately business was being done freely Silver Fagan was quoted at Rs. 107 and gold Fagan delivery was placed at Rs. 67/14.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Mar. 1.

There was no trading in the local market. Nominally March was quoted at Rs. 524.

SEEDS MARKET

Bombay, Mar. 1.

The local seeds market was officially closed to-day but privately business was being done freely. Groundnuts May opened at Rs. 104 and advanced to Rs. 106 while Linseed May quoted at Rs. 11/5. Tone was firm.

POPE RECEIVES COUNT CIANO

LONDON, March 1.

The Rome radio says that Count Ciano, former Italian Foreign Minister and now Ambassador to the Vatican, was received by the Pope this morning and presented his credentials.

After the ceremony the Pope and Count Ciano had the customary private interview in the Pope's library.

Later Count Ciano paid a formal visit to Cardinal Maglione, the Secretary of State.

Adjournment Motion On Newsprint Control Order

NEW DELHI, March 1.

AN ADJOURNMENT MOTION TABLED IN THE CENTRAL ASSEMBLY BY MR. ZAFAR ALI KHAN SEEKS TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF THE NEW NEWSPRINT CONTROL ORDER.—United Press.

Domestic Occurrence

DEATH

Dr. Miss Kusum Shetty, D.M.R.E., daughter of Dr. M. Venkatrao, Director of Powells, Ltd., passed away on Monday night after a brief illness. She was an Honorary Radiologist in the J. J. and Nair Hospitals. Funeral will take place at 9 a.m. to-day (Tuesday).

The Half-Column By "Dim"

"The Sporting Times" in an editorial says: "It is a praiseworthy act on the part of Sir John Beaumont to assist in the deliberations, which resulted in the re-election of Mr. A. C. Ardesir who had been the target of attack." Is the "Sporting Times" by any means trying to suggest

(1) that Sir John defended Mr. Ardesir against the attack that had been made on him in some quarters;

(2) that as a result of Sir John's assistance in the deliberations, Mr. A. C. Ardesir got elected?

Maybe Sir John Beaumont would like to clarify the impression created by this sentence in the editorial of the "Sporting Times", which has always written very highly of Mr. A. C. Ardesir and which now calls Sir John's contribution to the deliberations "a praiseworthy act." Otherwise why would the "Sporting Times" call it PRAISE-WORTHY? After all we are all "novitiates" in journalism. Let us live and learn. What I want to know is what does "WHICH RESULTED IN THE RE-ELECTION OF MR. A. C. ARDESHIR" qualify? Does it qualify the "deliberations" or does it qualify Sir John's "praiseworthy act"? And again if Sir John's act has nothing to do with Mr. Ardesir being re-elected, why does the "Sporting Times' call it "praiseworthy?"

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I thought I'd ask my genial friend, M. C. Patel if he could tell me the answer. But then I knew he'd probably say: "Arre baba maf ker."

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